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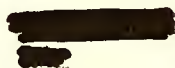
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HISTORY OF WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH



**FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA
1886 — 1986**

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Sunday School.....10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....11:00 A.M.
Training Union.....6:30 P.M.
Evening Worship7:30 P.M.
Wednesday Service7:00 P.M.

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* History facts were taken directly from the minutes of the church.



(Left to Right) Mattie Fouts, Mamie Raby, Marvel Curtis, Sue Hedden, Frances Bishop and Wanda Baker.

In Appreciation

To the historical committee consisting of Mattie Fouts, Mamie Raby, Marvel Curtis, Sue Hedden, Frances Bishop and Wanda Baker who worked diligently to put this book together.

The committee would like to thank all the people who helped gather information on pastors and other interesting facts. These people are too numerous to name but we appreciate their efforts very much.

Dedication

Watauga Baptist Church would like to dedicate this history to our forefathers who, by stepping out on faith, started this church and all the members who by the help of the Lord are still trying to spread the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. So as the Statue o Liberty has stood for 100 years representing the freedom of our country, so has Watauga Baptist Church stood 100 years as a testimonial of that freedom.

When asked by the researcher for Rev. Lowe's comments on his present pastorate at Watauga, he submitted the following:

"During my time at Watauga, the Lord has blessed my ministry in a great way. Eighty individuals have joined the church by letter or baptism and to God be the glory! We have been involved in various mission projects. After having an inspiration toward an accomplishment for the youth at Watauga, I organized a choir who prefers to be recognized as being from the Lord and chose to name their group "The Preacher's Choir" (18 teenagers). The Lord has seen fit to abundantly bless this choir and others that hear their witness through song. They have sung in several revivals and singings in Macon County and in surrounding counties."



The pastor further comments that there are other activities during his pastorate here in which he and the church have been involved, but he says they are covered within this book's content. He then says that "... he gives tribute to God for all the cooperation and support that Watauga has given to him and continues to do so. He contends that his prayer is that the Lord will always bless the church as they and he work together in spreading the gospel."

The researcher would like to mention some of the many accomplishments by which Rev. Lowe's leadership in Watauga Baptist Church has been successful. A Fellowship/Educational Building has been built; there has been repaving of the church parking lot plus the paving surrounding the new building. Rev. Lowe, accompanied by Watauga members (Troy Ledford, James Monteith, and Rev. Paul Morgan) along with other sister church members in the association and Rev. Cecil Frady (Association Director) went to West Virginia to help build a church. One year later, Troy Ledford, James Monteith, Rev. Paul Morgan, Jim Hedden, Lee Garner, and Rev. Cecil Frady returned to West Virginia for the dedication of that building. At a later date, Troy Ledford, James Monteith, Jim Hedden, Max Gladwell, and Rev. Cecil Frady went back to another area in West Virginia to help on another church building project. In addition to being inspirational in these projects, Rev. Lowe extended leadership in acquiring a new heating system with air conditioning in the church sanctuary. Rev. Lowe organized a Brotherhood, a Women's Missionary Union, and a weekly study for married couples. In order for the church members to keep up with all of the church activities, he started a monthly calendar which is posted in the church and distributed individually. Also, a "Yamaha" piano was purchased in February, 1986.

Rev. Lowe's care and concern is always there for all of the church and its surrounding communities. His God given talents makes him versatile as he ministers and works with the small children, the youth, the middle aged, and the elders. We, the church, thank God for sending Rev. Lowe and his family to Watauga Baptist Church. May the Lord allow him to stay with us for as long as God wills.

Rev. Lowe's pattern of righteous living is promoted by his theme "Greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world".

HISTORY OF WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH (1886-1986)

The history for Watauga Baptist Church is presented as accurately as possible. Information for all this research has been taken from church records and from the memory banks of people who are directly and/or indirectly involved with the Watauga Church affairs.

On March 7, 1886, a presbytery consisting of S. H. Harrington, J. R. Ammons, and J. G. Ammons met at the old Watauga School for the purpose of organizing a church. The presbytery organized by electing S. H. Harrington as the chairman; J. G. Ammons, Secretary. The meeting consisting of the three elders was also attended by twenty-one other interested persons. (These first members are listed in another section of this book.) The meeting was opened by prayer and singing. Rev. J. R. Ammons preached the first sermon. Elder S. H. Harrington read the articles of faith and the church covenant after which, he delivered the charge to the church. Following the sermon, the group appointed E. D. Franks, C. W. Allen, and T. S. Sanders as deacons. E. D. Franks was elected as the first clerk for the church. An interesting point was made in the first meeting designating each Saturday before the third Sunday as the regular scheduled business meeting (providing that it was not too rainy). Since the second business meeting of the church was rained out, it was not until the third meeting that Rev. J. G. Ammons was elected as the first pastor of the now organized Watauga Baptist Church. Also, in this same meeting suitable grounds for the church building was discussed; however, no definite decision was made. On May 22, 1886, the decision was made to build the church on J. D. Frank's property. The present location of this building is now the dwelling house of Blanche Carter and the late Thomas Carter.

On July 24, 1886, the church was asked to join the Tuckasegee Association. The church appointed four delegates to the association.

The week beginning on February 1, 1887 is the first recorded revival which lasted for thirteen consecutive days. The ministers were J. E. and F. M. Morgan; they were paid in the amount of \$54.45. Nine people were saved and baptized.

In November of 1887, Rev. W. S. Ballard was elected as the second pastor of Watauga Baptist Church. During his ministry, the church joined the Macon County Association (often referred to as the Macon Union). During Rev. Ballard's pastorate, it is recorded that the church paid him \$100 for the year of 1889. Previous to this agreement, the pastor received whatever collection that could be obtained in any given service; sixty five cents was one recorded collection. The first record of the Lord's Supper (or Sacrament Meeting) was recorded during the ministry of Rev. W. S. Ballard; June 9, 1889.

Seemingly, the first mid-week service (Wednesday, 12 noon) was held on July 24, 1890. Rev. J. E. Morgan had been elected as pastor of the church just five months prior to this meeting. His salary was \$75 for his elected year. He was Watauga's third pastor.

A point of interest recorded November 9, 1889, was that a love offering in the amount of \$2.30 was taken to purchase shoes for some needy children.

Elder J. R. Pendergrass was elected as Watauga's fourth pastor on August 23, 1890. He agreed to pastor his election year for the sum of \$100. Since the amount

was so high, the church depended upon the Mission Board to pay half of it. An offering was taken at this meeting in the amount of \$1.03 to be used for church expenses.

On November 9, 1891 an offering in the amount of \$1.62 was taken. This money was to be used to pay on a recently installed stove. Another collection (\$1.27) was taken for the stove on December 14, 1890. The offering for the church expenses on this date was thirty-five cents.

The first mention of the first church building was in the epitaph of T. S. Sanders who died February 5, 1891. Mr. Sanders had been on the building committee. The honorable mention for Mr. Sanders is dated April 12, 1891.

In the August 6, 1891 meeting, Rev. T. F. Deits was elected as the fifth pastor of Watauga Baptist Church. However, Rev. Deits had to resign the following month because of a family crisis. On October 4, 1891, Rev. J. G. Ammons was elected to serve as Watauga's pastor for his third term.

During the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Davis (the 6th pastor), a meeting on April 9, 1893 declared that Watauga Baptist Church was to add Wednesday night prayer meeting as one of its organized services. However, the first recorded prayer meeting was held on July 24, 1890. Also, Rev. Davis was instrumental in officially organizing the department of Sunday School on March 13, 1893. The first superintendent was J. R. Sanders; J. G. Young, assistant superintendent; J. T. Young, treasurer; and R. F. Henry, secretary. It is interesting to note that the Sunday School treasurer was not the same person as the church treasurer. The church treasurer was J. R. Sanders. At the present time, the church has only one treasurer (plus an assistant) who takes care of the direct monetary matters of the church with the exception of having a chairman over the cemetery fund.

Rev. F. M. Morgan was elected as the seventh pastor of Watauga Baptist Church in November of 1893. During his pastorate, there were only six business meetings recorded. Two members were excluded; no members were added to the membership.

On May 11, 1895 Rev. G. A. Bartlett was elected as the eighth pastor. Up until 1896, the association for Macon County was referred to as a Union Meeting of the Churches. June 11, 1896, Watauga Baptist Church joined other Macon County churches as being in favor of organizing a Macon County Association. During Rev. Bartlett's first term as the pastor, 22 individuals joined the church, seven were excluded, and one moved his letter to another church.

On January 9, 1897 Rev. W. L. Bradley was elected pastor. He was the ninth pastor. He agreed to pastor the church for \$45 per year. During his stay, 12 people joined the church, one person was excluded, six people moved their letter, and one person died. Mr. T. S. Sanders was the first recorded death. He was born on November 16, 1841 and died on February 5, 1891. Mr. Sanders had been very active in the church work.

Rev. G. A. Bartlett began his second term of ministry March 12, 1898. He accepted the church on an indefinite period of time for the amount of four dollars per month.

In the May 14, 1898 meeting, the church voted to abolish the rule requiring the roll to be called at each meeting. Roll calling had been established as one of the first church regulations. In the early years of the organization of the church, poor attendance could mean exclusion from the church.

Rev. Bartlett only stayed approximately eight months for his second term. During this time one person was excluded and five people moved to another area.

The tenth pastor of Watauga Baptist Church was Rev. A. H. Sims who accepted his pastorate of the church on May 14, 1899. He resigned on March 10, 1900.

Rev. W. L. Bradley was re-elected May 12, 1900 to serve a second term as pastor of Watauga Baptist Church. Shortly after he was elected, charges ranging from having parties to drinking intoxicating liquors, swearing, non-attendance, etc. were brought against ten individuals of which four were excluded (later all four were restored). At the end of this fiscal year, Rev. Bradley was re-elected and agreed to pastor the church for another year for \$40.

In the meeting on January 12, 1901, the church collected \$1.90 to purchase lights for the church. There wasn't anything else mentioned about the lights until a meeting on October 12, 1901. During this meeting three people were appointed to arrange to purchase lamps for the church.

On December 7, 1901, the church re-elected Rev. Bradley for a third term as Watauga's pastor. He agreed to accept the church for another year in the amount of \$40.00.

In the January 11, 1902 meeting, John Young gave a treasury report for the year of 1901. The collection total was \$43.43 of which \$26.36 was Rev. Bradley's salary for the year of 1901.

In the July 13, 1902 meeting of the church, the church was asked to recognize the Holly Springs Sunday School as a part of the church. The members from the Holly Springs community often met in a group of their own, but were still members of Watauga Baptist Church. They were in the beginning stages of branching off to establish a church in their own community in 1914.

The treasury report for the year of 1902 was a total of \$47.31 in the collection with \$32.60 of that sum owed to the pastor, Rev. W. L. Bradley.

According to Addie Adam's obituary, the Watauga Baptist Church was still having their meetings in the Watauga school house during the winter of 1887.

On December 13, 1902, Rev. J. A. Brendle was the eleventh pastor called to Watauga Baptist Church. He was to be paid \$70 for the fiscal year 1903. During his first term as pastor, fifteen people joined the church; six moved to another area; and three were excluded.

Youth Sunday was first observed on July 12, 1903. This particular Sunday was reported as being Children's Day. A collection in the amount of \$3.93 was taken on this day and donated to Foreign Missions.

In the January 21, 1905 meeting, Rev. J. L. Kinsland was elected as Watauga Baptist Church's twelfth pastor. He was the first preacher that was ordained by the church on April 11, 1897. His salary was to be in the amount of \$50 for one year. He resigned on August 26, 1905.

On September 23, 1905, Rev. W. L. Bradley accepted his fourth term as pastor of Watauga Baptist Church. He accepted the church for \$50 for one election year.

In the December 24, 1905 meeting, Sam Ammons, John Young and "Uncle" Bob Brendle were appointed to procure a deed or deeds for the graveyard. During the February 24, 1906 meeting \$2.15 was collected to be used to develop the graveyard. By the March 1906 meeting, the deeds for the graveyard property had been procured.

In the December 7, 1907 meeting, Rev. W. H. Guffie was ordained to preach the gospel. Rev. Guffie was the second man to be ordained at Watauga Baptist Church.

Rev. T. C. King was elected as the thirteenth pastor of Watauga Baptist Church on August 15, 1908. On July 31, 1909, Rev. King was elected as pastor of the church

for a second term. The church agreed to pay the preacher \$100 for the 1909 election year.

The first mention of a Women's Missionary Society for Watauga Baptist Church was recorded in a meeting on July 31, 1909. It is stated that this society gave \$2.49 to an orphanage.

On September 4, 1909, the deacons of the church were instructed to confer with the school officials concerning the sale of the church building to be used as a school building. It had been decided that the present church structure was inadequate. A few weeks later the deacons reported that the school officials were prepared to pay \$500 for the church property. The decision to sell the church building and property was made.

In the October 2, 1909 meeting, it was reported by H. D. Dean, C. L. Rickman, R. D. ("Uncle" Bob) Brendle, N. J. Corbin, and S. J. Ammons that Mat and Wiley Sanders and their sister Rebba would give a site on the north end of their property for the church to be built on.

On November 7, 1909, the Watauga services were held at the Holly Springs School. There was no specific reason recorded for having the service there.

On April 9, 1910, a building committee for the new church structure was appointed. The five committee members were H.D. Dean, S. J. Ammons, R. D. Brendle, R. P. McCracken, and J. T. Young.

Rev. T. C. King was re-elected for the year 1910 in August. On December 11 in the same year Rev. King resigned. While he was the pastor 38 people joined the church; nine moved to another area; and one was excluded. In that same December meeting, Rev. W. T. Potts was elected as the fourteenth pastor of Watauga Baptist Church. Rev. Potts accepted the church for one year for the amount of \$75. During Rev. Potts' pastorate, 20 people joined the church; ten were excluded; six moved to another area.

In the May 7, 1911 meeting, it was reported that the enrollment for Watauga Baptist Church was 145 members.

The first recorded janitor for the church was Alex Brendle who was elected on July 1, 1911. He was paid \$12 for he elected year.

A proposal was made on June 3, 1911 for the Watauga Baptist Church to consider grouping with three other churches to form a pastoral field. This proposal intended to have one pastor to serve all four churches; it did not become a reality.

Rev. R. P. McCracken was ordained to preach by the Watauga Baptist Church on July 1, 1911. On August 5, 1911, Rev. McCracken was elected as Watauga's fifteenth pastor. However, he declined the position until the church paid in full all the former pastors. By November 4, 1911, all the debts to former pastors were paid. Rev. McCracken had preached and supported the church since his election in August, but had not officially accepted the church as its pastor until November 4, 1911. His salary for one election year was to be in the amount of \$85. While Rev. McCracken was pastor, 25 individuals joined the church; four moved to another area; and one was excluded.

On August 3, 1912, Rev. R. P. McCracken and the Watauga congregation accompanied Rev. J. B. Stalcup to the Holly Springs community for a revival. As a result of the series of meetings, four people were baptized and six people joined the church by letter.

Rev. W. L. Bradley was re-elected on August 17, 1913 for his fifth pastorate at Watauga Baptist Church.

A decision to sell Watauga's first church building and the property to the school officials was made on September 4, 1909. However, this decision was declared null and void at the February 21, 1914 meeting of the church.

At Watauga's July 11, 1914 meeting, forty church members presented a petition asking for a letter of dismission from Watauga for the purpose of establishing a church at Holly Springs. (These forty members are listed in another section of this book.) On August 9, 1914, the presbytery from Watauga Baptist Church met with some Holly Springs Community people at a given place to assist in the organization of the Holly Springs Baptist Church.

A decision to build a new church for Watauga was made on March 13, 1914. The new building was to be built on the same property as was the old building.

Rev. J. A. Brendle was elected for his second pastorate of Watauga Baptist Church on August 1, 1915. During this term 15 individuals joined the church; five were excluded, and 17 members moved to another area.

The researcher thought that it was interesting that the church was 31 years old before it sent any women as delegates to the Macon Association. Julia Shuler and Mattie Corbin attended the association from Watauga on July 7, 1917.

The sixteenth pastor of Watauga Baptist Church, Rev. A. S. Solesbee was elected on August 4, 1918.

During 1919, there was a campaign called the "75 Million Campaign" mentioned in the church minutes. R. P. McCracken had given a four-minute speech on this campaign at the church. In researching this, it was found to be a campaign to raise money to help pay a debt on the Sylva Collegiate Institute in Sylva, N.C. The financial committee reported on October 31, 1920 that \$178.40 plus 3 war stamps had been received for this debt.

Amount of collection for pastor, A. S. Solesbee, was \$6.70 on Sunday, June 20, 1920.

A revival service was held in the summer of 1920 with Dr. J. C. Owen doing the preaching. There were 18 candidates for baptism, 5 made professions of faith but did not unite with the church, and 5 joined under the watchcare of the church until they received their letters from another church.

In the fall of 1920, Mr. D. C. McCoy was called as pastor to be present on the second Sunday at 11 o'clock and on Saturday before the second Sunday at 11 o'clock and on the fourth Sunday of each month. His salary was \$200 a year.

On February 12, 1921 a rule dealing with disorderly members was suggested and discussed.

A children's day program, assisted by the pastor D. C. McCoy, was observed on the morning of June 12, 1921. Brother Owen gave the sermon during the afternoon.

A revival was started on August 15, 1921 and ended on September 4th with 19 additions to the church.

On November 13, 1921 a discussion was entered into as to the repealing of the clause in the by-laws of the church in regard to there being seven male members present before the church could enter into conference. By vote of majority, the church passed the rule that hereafter if there were as many as seven members either male or female with one deacon present that any business transacted would be considered lawful.

Revival services began on December 24, 1922 (Christmas Eve) and held for a period of two weeks. On Sunday, January 7th an offering was taken for the Starving Russians and collection continued through January 14th. No amount was given.

A motion was put before the church on Saturday, October 20, 1923, that the church would vote on Saturday, November 17th, on whether to build a new church or not and if so, where. On the 17th, a committee of R. D. Brendle, Noah Corbin, T. N. Synder, and Gordon Smith was appointed to canvass the membership and take their votes as to which of the two places, on the graveyard hill or near Coon Creek bridges on Herman Dean's land, they wanted the church. On March 24, 1924, the committee made a partial report on the vote as to where to build the church. A motion was made to receive the report and build on the graveyard hill, but the motion lost. Then, on July 19, 1924, a committee consisting of R. D. Brendle, John Henry, Sam Kinsland and Wiley Sanders was appointed to build the church on the hill and motion carried.

On February 7, 1925 R. D. Brendle, Frank Bailey and J. B. Henry were elected trustees of the church. In March, they were given the authority to dispose of old church property and proceeds of sale to be used on new church.

On March 28, 1925, the church requested to call a presbytery to ordain Brother Thomas Carter to the full work of the gospel ministry. The time set for the ordination was the Monday night after the third Sunday in April, which was April 20, 1925.

During the fall of 1925, members began to withdraw from the church with the idea of forming a new church at Ridgecrest. On November 7, 1925, a motion was made to withdraw fellowship from all who took themselves away and tried to organize a church at Ridgecrest.

During services on August 7th and 8th, 1926, Rev. A. S. Solesbee was elected by unanimous vote to be the pastor but on September 19th, 1926 he resigned. Rev. J. L. Martin was then elected.

Brother Green Callaway was ordained into the ministry on May 9th or 10th, 1931, by the church.

Brother Robert Scott was licensed to preach the gospel on September 12th or 13th, 1936 and later turned in his license in 1939. He renewed his license again on September 10, 1944. Another member, Brother Paul Morgan, was ordained for the ministry on October 31, 1937. He is still very active in Watauga Baptist Church and a great inspiration to everyone.

On May 25, 1941, on a regular meeting day, the church building was dedicated to the Lord. The presbytery consisted of Brother Rogers, Brother Joe Bishop, Brother D. C. McCoy, Brother Jim Vinson, Brother Raleigh Guffey. Rev. Frank Reed was pastor at this time.

On August 13, 1944, Joe Morrison was licensed to preach.

The church voted on November 26, 1944 to give Black Mountain church \$10.00 and the Sunday School collection of every second Sunday is to go to the Orphans Home.

Mr. Wiley Sanders and the deacons were put in charge of having the church wired and putting in lights in February 1945. Also, at this time, it was voted to have Bible School. On May 12, 1946 the bill for the lights was voted on and decided to pay in the amount of \$167.47.

In 1947, the church voted to build two toilets and Guy Clouse, John Wood, and Frank Brendle was on this committee. An amount of \$75.00 was paid to Buster Mashburn for work on the toilets.

The church agreed in December 1947 to partition an extra room in the rear of the church for a Sunday School room. Three dozen songbooks were bought in August 1948.

In February 1949 a piece of land was purchased from Mrs. Joe Morgan for \$225.00. Also, in June of that year, the church voted to have a well bored and buy a hand pump. The money was to be paid out of the treasury and the balance needed was to be borrowed. Fire insurance was purchased on the church in October 1949 for \$48.00.

In August 1950, BTU (Baptist Training Union) was first mentioned with Guy Clouse as director.

Two deacons were ordained January 28, 1951 — Guy Clouse and Frank Brendle. The presbytery was conducted by Rev. Bill Sorrells, Moderator, Joe Bishop, Pastor, Rev. Lee Crawford and Rev. Paul Morgan. Deacons assisting were R. D. Brendle, Frank Bailey and John Wood.

On March 11, 1951, the trustees of the church, James Raby, Oscar Thompson, and J. B. Brendle were given authority to purchase property from Wiley Sanders for the church and to sell or trade back to him a small amount. On March 25th, the treasurer was authorized to pay out the money and borrow the difference for this land. The cost of the surveying which was \$4.00 was paid to Lake Ledford in October 1951.

On July 22, 1951, the church gave the trustees the right to buy the school property and on September 9, 1951, it was voted to pay \$100.00 for property and school house. Then on November 25, 1951, the trustees were given the right to sell the school house by January 1, 1952 to the highest bidder.

On August 26, 1951, the church voted to pay Clyde Downs' store \$1.30 for a bucket and a dipper.

In November 1951, it was voted to pay Mr. Roy Rankin and his boys \$5.00 a month for six months to do janitorial work. It was also passed to have the lights lowered.

The church, having decided the building needed some improvements, appointed a committee on June 22, 1952 of Guy Clouse, Frank Brendle and Jim Raby to plan a layout. In September, the church voted to do some painting and excavate under the church for building Sunday School rooms, put in a heating system, change the road, and beautify the grounds. This project was to be paid from money received in trading old school house property. In 1954, guttering was added to the church and work done on classrooms and the steps. Locks were also put on the church doors. In June 1956, chairs for the Sunday School rooms in basement, offering plates and flags for use in Bible School were purchased.

As 1956 seemed to be the year for getting a lot of work done on the church, it was also discussed in October to put brick veneer on the church. A committee was appointed to write cards to inactive members asking for donations. Those on the committee were Paul Morgan, Coleen Clouse, Carolyn Tippet, Nora Cassada, Mrs. Frank Brendle and Delia Mae Brendle. In November it was decided to proceed with this project and to erect a belfry and bell. The old church bell was sold for \$10.00. The building committee consisted of Gene Cassada, Paul Morgan, Asbury Sanders, Guy Clouse, Frank Bailey and Jay Hopkins. At a meeting on June 6, 1957, it was discussed to borrow \$3,000.00 to help pay for all the work done.

In February 1957, the church agreed to worship the Lord with tithes and offerings by passing offering plates instead of having the offering box placed at the altar.

On June 6, 1957, the church voted to sell a small tract of land to Mr. Thomas Carter. Then on June 30th, it was voted to exchange land foot for foot and Mr. Carter agreed to give one acre extra for the exchange. The reason for the exchange

was because the church wanted the land nearest it.

In 1958, a new class was formed called the Young Married People's Class with Mrs. Ray McIntyre as teacher and Mrs. Clyde Kinsland as assistant. Mrs. McIntyre has served this class faithfully through all these years (a total of 28) and is presently teaching that age group.

The inside of the church was improved with a drop ceiling and an arch over the stage in 1959. Also, trees were cut to enlarge the cemetery.

A motion was made in May 1961 to build a pumphouse and restrooms but it was voted to borrow the money for this project in April 1963. Finally in April 1965 it was voted to put pumphouse and bathrooms near well. Also, this year two new deacons were ordained, Ernest Brendle and Mack Sanders.

At a conference called by the pastor, Rev. Bill Shields, in October 1967 the church voted on new pews and furniture for the church. It was a unanimous vote with 29 voting for and 0 against. Twenty-two people voted for white ends on the pews and twenty-one voted to purchase this furniture within two weeks.

In December 1969, it was decided to install church signs and Clyde Kinsland was put in charge of this project.

A nursery for the small children was organized by Coleen Ledford in September 1970 and a beginner's class was organized in November 1972.

In August 1971, the church voted to pave the parking lot and landscape around the church. The main auditorium of the church was carpeted in 1972.

Because of the growth of the church and a number of people not having a ride to church, in March 1973, the church voted to purchase a bus for \$500 and spend \$200 to paint it. The bus was kept until September 1976 and then was sold. Also in 1973, the church voted to give \$250 per year to the Macon Baptist Association.

It is very pleasing to know that our church has always been very mission minded. Love offerings have been given to members who have been sick for some time, in the hospital, or for unexpected medical bills, etc. In April of 1974, the church gave \$500 to the Liberty Baptist Church in Murphy to rebuild their church after a tornado had hit the area. In August 1980, the church voted to participate with the Macon Baptist Association in helping to build a baptist church in Greenbank, West Virginia. Several men from the church gave of their time to travel to West Virginia and help with the project. The goal set for the special offering for this project was \$1,000 but the total amount received was \$1,659.97. Another project the church helped with was on Mountain Grove Baptist Church's remodeling giving a total offering of \$1,736.23 in October 1982. In May 1981, a fund was started to be used for improvements to the buildings and grounds of the George W. Truett Baptist Camp in Hayesville, North Carolina. The church spend a lot of time on this project pouring sidewalks and refurbishing the cabins. Slides of the progress of the work were taken and shown all over Macon County in different churches and they were asked for their support in this project. On August 19, 1981, an offering for Truett Camp was taken and an amount of \$1,765.07 was received. On March 23, 1983, a motion was made that 10% of the offerings for the 1st quarter of 1983 be sent to the camp and this was approved. An additional 10% of offerings for the third quarter of 1983 was also sent to pay on the Camp Truett debt. In November 1982, the church bought two pews for Tellico Baptist Church and gave them some carpet and in 1983 also donated an old communion table to them.

In addition to helping other churches in mission work, the church also prepares food when someone in the community or a church member passes away. Each year

at Christmas, fruit baskets are prepared for the elder members of our church and community, delivered to them, and carols sung to them to add a bit of cheer at this time of the year.

In October 1974, it was decided to have the trustees draw up some by-laws concerning burial in the cemetery. Later, in 1978, the trustees and deacons recommended to establish a cemetery fund to be placed in a savings account and to be used only for care and expansion of the cemetery. Voluntary contributions would be accepted by individual church members (husband and wife and unmarried children living at home). Non-church members would be asked to pay \$400 per grave opening or \$700 for double to be collected before the grave was opened. The trustees and deacons were given the authorization to make necessary allowances for hardship cases. A vote was taken and 21 voted for and 5 against. Majority ruled. An attorney would be contacted to prepare legal papers for the cemetery rules. (A copy of the rules is found in another section of this book). A motion was made to limit the cemetery to a line from the corner of the parking lot parallel to graves to the road. In 1979, the church voted to use all offerings on Homecoming Day for the cemetery fund.

Unfortunately, later that year the church experienced vandalism of the cemetery. The guilty persons were located and one of them served six months in the Cherokee jail. A minor was involved and the church voted to let him work on the church grounds under the supervision of Carl McMahan who was the building and grounds caretaker at that time. The church repaired the damaged stones and the cost paid out of the cemetery fund was in the amount of \$205.82. The present balance in the cemetery fund is approximately \$10,000.

By August 1975, the church was growing so fast a discussion was held in conference concerning the overcrowded Sunday School rooms. In September, it was decided for the Adult Women's class to join the Adult Men's class temporarily. Later in the month, the deacon board recommended to the church to elect a building committee for Sunday School rooms and other additions. The committee appointed was Max Gladwell, Frank Brendle, Gene Cassada and Mack Sanders. It was decided that the first Sunday of each month's offering would be set aside for a building fund. On March 23, 1977, the church voted to proceed with the building addition of ten Sunday School rooms, two baths, a baptistry which was added to the back of the present building. A bid from Barnett and Max Gladwell was accepted in August 1977 to hull in the addition. The trustees recommended that the church borrow \$18,000 for six years at 8½% interest. In January 1978, a report was given from the building committee on how the sanctuary would be remodeled. New furniture, at an estimated cost of \$9,000 was discussed and decided to order immediately. Also, a painting for the baptistry at a cost of \$800 was to be selected by the building committee. This beautiful painting was completed by the second Sunday in June of that year just in time for everyone to enjoy on Homecoming Day.

In addition to our church growing, the time came to include some programs for our young children. In January 1976, Sandra McCoy was appointed to be in charge of organizing a Girls in Action (GA's) program for girls ages 6-11. Directors appointed were Yvonne Rogers and Sandra McCoy with Pat Clouse, Mary Garner, Marvel Curtis and Ruth Burnette as teachers and helpers. In February of that same year, the Acteens program was organized for girls ages 12-17. Teachers appointed for this group was Peggy Elders with Judy Dills as her assistant. In March 1981, Royal Ambassadors (RA's) was organized for the boys.

By June 1976, our Training Union enrollment increased from 36 to 56. We con-

tinue to have a strong Training Union and have won attendance banners at "M" Night several years.

Two new deacons, Carl McMahan and Verlin Curtis, were ordained on Sunday afternoon, September 29, 1976.

A very important event for the church occurred on September 9, 1979, when special services were held during the morning worship hour for the purpose of burning the note on the new educational building. Rev. Cecil Frady, county missionary, brought the message. As the church looked forward, by December of that year a public address system at a cost of \$1,250.00 was purchased and the decision was made to begin work on finishing the basement (ceiling, inside bathrooms, carpet for the nursery, etc.) as soon as possible. By November 1980, the church voted to drill a new well and install a water fountain in the basement. Also, at this time, it was decided that each new convert would receive a Bible from the church.

The year 1981 was a highlight in the history of Watauga Church as David Williams and Bennie Haire announced their calling into the ministry. David's announcement came on January 11th and he was ordained on August 15, 1982 in a joint meeting with Tellico Baptist Church who called him as pastor. Bennie was granted a license on November 15, 1981 and was ordained on October 14, 1984 at Watauga Church and called as pastor of Mountain Grove Baptist Church.

The church desiring to continue to spread the news of Jesus Christ to other parts of the world, in December 1982 the church voted to support Russell and Brenda Boatright, members of the church, on a mission trip to Korea. The total offering given was \$2,755.30.

On January 19, 1983, the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) was reorganized and Brotherhood was organized and scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday night of each month. At this time, the deacon board presented a list of men to be set aside to be ordained as deacons. They were: Marvin Bolick, Horace Hurst, Jim Hedden, Max Gladwell, Lee Garner, Bruce Ammons and Andy Berry. All of them agreed to serve, as of conference time on February 23, 1983, except for Andy Berry. The other men were ordained on April 24, 1983 except Marvin Bolick who was already ordained in another church and was instilled as a deacon of Watauga Church. On October 24, 1984, Lee Garner gave his resignation from the deacon board and it was accepted by the church.

Plans to build a fellowship hall and educational building were approved by the church on March 23, 1983. It is to be built at the corner of the church yard near the end of the picnic tables. The total cost of this building was approximately \$40,000 which included a new heat pump and air conditioner for the church building. The building was completed and on March 4, 1984 a dedication service was held. Rev. Roy Lowe, Pastor, brought the message and Rev. Cecil Frady led the church in the dedication ceremony. Lunch was then served in the new fellowship hall. At the present time the balance owing on the fellowship hall is \$17,500.00.

A very special service was held at the church on April 17, 1983 in honor of all former pastors. A large plaque with all the former pastor's names and the years they served was presented by Mr. Gene Cassada, Chairman of the Deacon Board. This plaque hangs in the church in their honor. Also, a special plaque was presented to Mr. Frank Brendle honoring him for serving as a faithful deacon for 36 years. He was unable to attend the service because of his health but his daughter, Betty Guest, accepted it for him. Rev. Roy Lowe, Pastor presented plaques which had their names and dates they served the church to the following former pastors who were

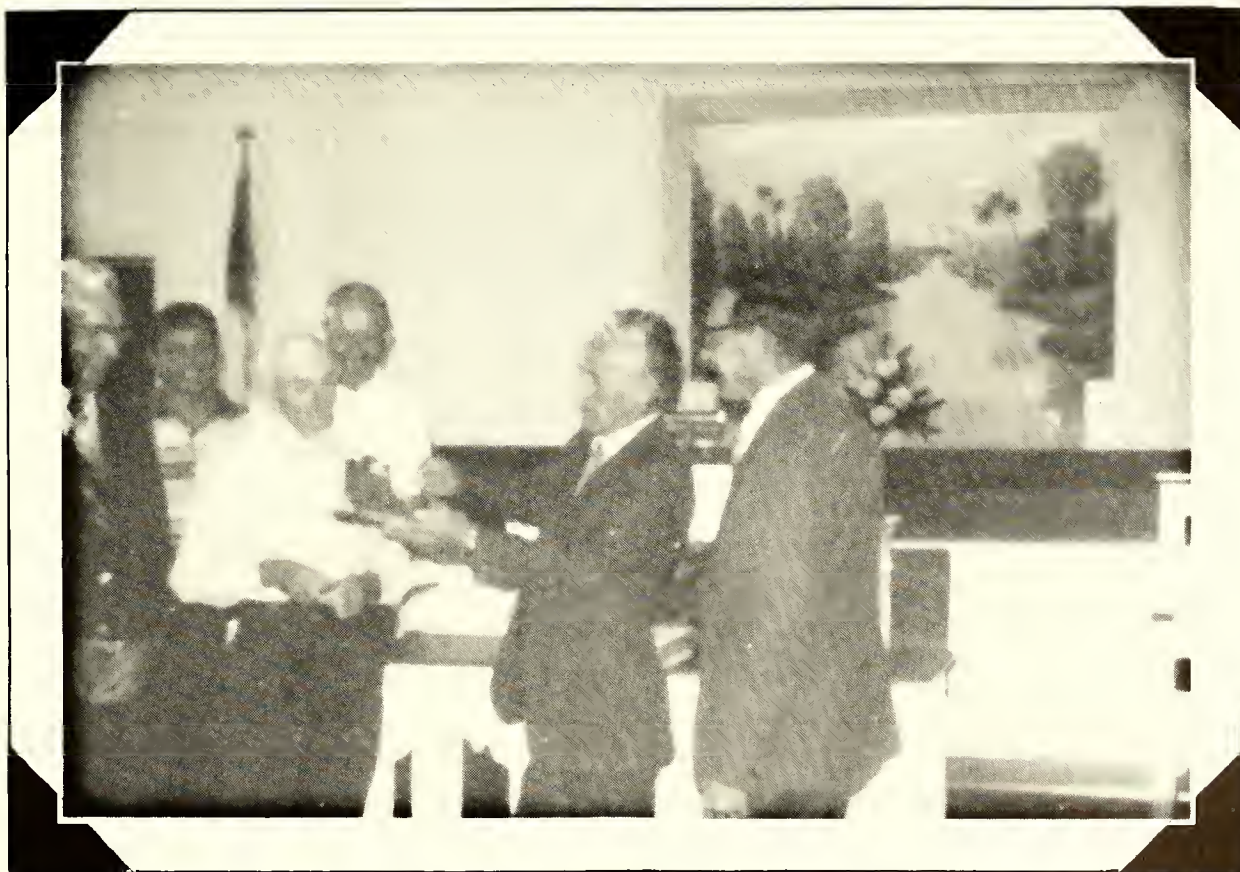
present: Rev. Joe Bishop, Rev. Paul Morgan, Rev. Frank Reed, Rev. Bill Shields, Rev. Jud Duvall, and Rev. Earl Dendy. Each one shared some special memories and then lunch was served in the basement of the church.

In May 1984, a discussion was held to pave the area around the fellowship hall at a cost of \$7,644.00. The gravel had been paid for in the amount of \$1,900.00 leaving a balance of \$6,500.00. An offering was taken on the first Sunday in June and \$2,200.00 was received. The final price of the paving was \$5,698.00.

Watauga Baptist Church became a founder of the Baptist Children's Home, Moody Farm Ministries, which is located in the Iotla community, by donating \$1,000.00 to the project in July 1984.

On February 23, 1986, the pastor, Rev. Roy Lowe, brought a proposal before the church at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour about purchasing a new piano for the church. The cost of the piano was approximately \$4,800 and members present pledged enough money to purchase this piano. The piano was delivered the following Thursday morning with a down payment of pledges collected of \$2,100.00 paid. Within two weeks the balance was collected and the piano paid in full.

At the present time, the membership enrollment of Watauga Church is approximately 360 members. The Sunday School enrollment is 125 and the Training Union is 70.



The Burning of The Note - September 9, 1979.

FIRST MEMBERS OF WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH:

James H. Brendle
Sarah Brendle
Alex Brendle
Alfred Brendle
Jane Young
William Watts
Elizabeth Watts

Toxey Kinsland
Jane Henry
E. D. Franks
Mattie Henry
T. S. Sanders
Mary Sanders
Clarinda Fox

Sarah Corbin
John Brendle
Mary Henry
Polly Sanders
C. W. Allen
Eunice Ridley
Catherine Holcomb

August 9, 1914 — 40 Watauga members established Holly Springs Baptist Church. Those granted letters from Watauga were:

R. P. McCracken
Addie McCracken
Wayne McCracken
Walter Elliott
Ida Elliott
Annie Elliott
Jess Elliott
Mary Elliott
Minnie Berry
Alms Berry
Cora Sanders
Eldredge Robinson
J. L. Corbin

Lula Corbin
Sarah E. Corbin
H. D. Corbin
Nannie Corbin
Emma Crisp
E. V. Ammons
Margie Ammons
Meta Ammons
Lula Ammons
R. F. Henry
Ruth Henry
T. L. Seay
Margaret Seay

Jim Seay
Etta Seay
Minnie Seay
Zora Seay
Annie Rickman
Mattie Rickman
Lizzie Rickman
Mary Rickman
James Raby
Inda Raby
V. C. Raby
John Williams
Margaret Williams
Mary Williams

Membership enrollment - 25 year increments:

1886	21
1911	145
1936	160
1961	251
1986	360



ROY FRANKLIN LOWE

1980-Present

Roy Franklin Lowe was born December 18, 1945, as the one-half of a set of twins to James N. and Martha B. Lowe of Highlands, N.C. Rev. Lowe attended Highlands Elementary School and graduated from Tamassee High School. Tamassee is a boarding school and its Indian name means "The Place of the Sunlight of God". Upon completion of high school, he entered the US Army and served in Vietnam in 1966.

On June 10, 1967, Rev. Lowe was married to Clara Ruth Keener. Clara is the one-half of a set of twins born to Lawton and Pearl Keener of Goldmine on January 3, 1945. Rev. and Mrs. Lowe are the parents of two sons and one daughter; Brian, 16; Phillip, 12; and Kimberly, 5.

In 1957, Rev. Lowe was saved at a revival at Highlands Baptist Church at the age of 12. He was called to preach on November 4, 1973. He was licensed by Goldmine Baptist Church on the same day. On January 13, 1974, a presbytery consisting of Rev. Earl Dendy (who preached the charge), Rev. Bill Shields (pastor), Rev. Cecil Frady (Association Director), Rev. Jud Duvall, Marshall Fouts, Cliff Cook, J. C. Dendy, and Alvin Crow met for the purpose of ordaining Roy Lowe into the gospel ministry. On that same day, Rev. Lowe's brother-in-law Johnny Rogers and Neville Owens were ordained as deacons (both of these men are now ordained preachers).

Rev. Lowe's first pastorate was Shortoff Baptist Church (1973-1976). His second pastorate was Oak Grove Baptist Church (1976-1980). He came as Watauga's pastor in July of 1980. In addition to his pastorate work at Watauga, Rev. Lowe presently serves as Moderator of the Macon Baptist Association. He has served on the Association's Nominating Committee and on its Cooperative Committee.



WALLACE TALLENT

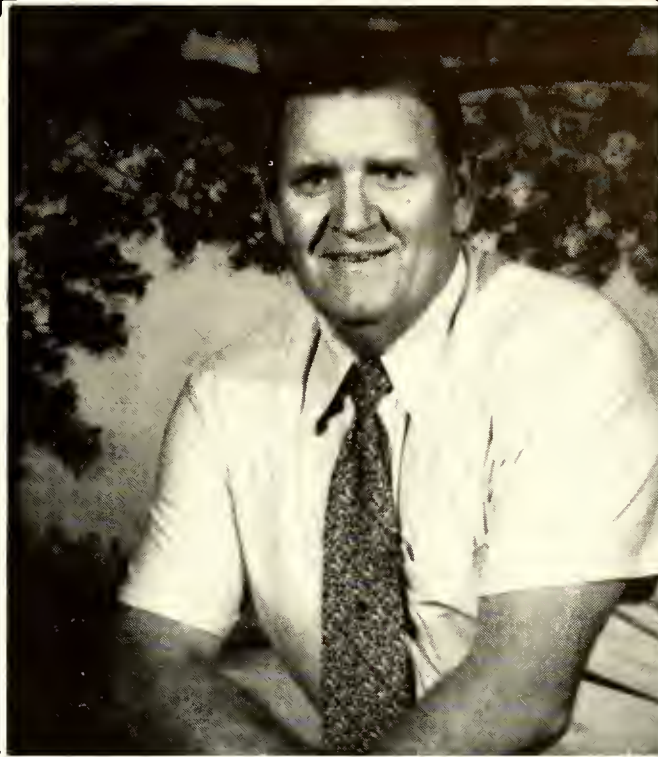
1975-1980

Wallace Tallent born June 7, 1931 is a native of Macon County. He and his wife, the former Virginia Moore, have two children - Keith Tallent and Audrey Tallent Buchanan.

On August 28, 1966, Mr. Tallent was ordained into the Baptist ministry at Central Baptist Church. Rev. George A. Cloer was pastor there at the time. He has pastored churches in both Macon and Jackson counties. His pastorates in Macon County are: Ellijay Bible Baptist, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Black Mountain, Prentiss, Oak Dale, Watauga, and White Oak Flats Baptist. In Jackson county: Piney Mountain and Mount Zion. He is presently pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Dillsboro, N.C.

Rev. Tallent now resides on Mashburn Branch Road, Franklin, N.C.

The researcher notes that during Rev. Tallent's pastorate at Watauga, he enhanced the church with his willingness to go the full distance to complete his God given task. He greeted his congregation with a smile of compassion for God's people. He was instrumental in the educational addition to the church building. While the construction was taking place, Rev. Tallent was there sanding and staining window frames and doing whatever he could to help with the building project. He did many notable things to add to the growth of the church. He has a talent in music that he often used in spreading the gospel. He purchased a second-handed piano for the choir-practice room. Also, he purchased the first Bibles that were given to the new converts. The church later assumed the responsibility of purchasing the Bibles to be given to the new converts. Rev. Tallent encouraged his church to attend all given services. One quote that he often used was, "...stay in the book."



J. S. CUNNINGHAM
1969-1975

J. S. Cunningham was born June 25, 1925 and died October 20, 1980. He was married to Beulah Lequire May 1948 and had two daughters.

Mr. Cunningham was ordained into the ministry September 1956 at Sugarfork Baptist Church and he pastored six churches. He was chairman of the Evangelism Committee of the Macon Baptist Association.

The researcher remembers that during Rev. Cunningham's pastorate at Watauga, he was most encouraging to the youth in so many ways. His desire was for each convert to search out their talents and interests to the fullest capacity. He contended that it was explicit for individuals to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15) Rev. Cunningham was always willing to work with the church on any activities for the organized departments, for Bible School, for Christmas programs, etc. In addition to preaching the gospel, he was active in all phases of the church work. He was especially interested in the music department. The researcher remembers that Watauga's Choir did their first Christmas cantata when Rev. Cunningham was their pastor. He was eager to utilize anything that was godly and workable for the church. Rev. Cunningham has a heart full of love to extend to his fellowman.



EARL ALTON DENDY

1962-1964

Earl Alton Dendy was born May 1, 1917 in the Goldmine Community of Macon County, N.C. and died November 24, 1984. He was ordained into the ministry on September 4, 1960 and his first pastorate was Shortoff Baptist Church. In addition, he also pastored Clear Creek, Watauga, Macedonia, Wells Grove, Walnut Creek, Newman's Chapel, Burningtown, Higdonville churches.

Mr. Dendy also served the Macon Baptist Association as Moderator, Chairman Credentials and Ordination Committee, Missions Committee, Nominating Committee, Historical Committee and President of Pastor's Conference. He was a great inspiration to all who knew and loved him.

The twinkle in this man's eyes and the attentiveness that he gave his fellowman could be compared with that of Christ. His love and concern for Watauga Baptist Church was deeply rooted. Our community was continuously supported by his encouragement during his pastorate years and throughout the rest of his life. He will always be a special guide in our thoughts and in our christian growth.



W. K. (BILL) SHIELDS
1959-1962 and 1966-1969

On February 10, 1915, Rev. Bill Shields was born at Kyle, N.C. (which is located in the Nantahala township of Macon County). Rev. Shields is the son of the late Robert Vance Shields and Molly Lee Shields. In 1928, at the age of thirteen, he made his profession of faith in the Lord. Rev. Shields moved to Franklin in 1933. He was married to Clara Kiser Shields in 1940. They reared three sons; Jack, Gary, Gene. He rededicated his life and was baptized into the Mount Hope Baptist Church in 1942. After he joined the church, he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Adult Teacher, and conducted a Friday night home prayer meeting for six years. When Rev. Shields was 14, he was to conduct his first prayer meeting on John, Chapter 15. However, he became stage frightened and backed out. Thirteen years later in 1942, he used the same scripture and conducted his first prayer meeting. On December 16, 1951, he was licensed into the gospel ministry by the Mount Hope Baptist Church. After he was called to Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Mount Hope ordained Rev. Shields on August 31, 1952. In addition to Ridgecrest, he has pastored Wells Grove, Pine Grove, Upper Peachtree (Cherokee County), Newman's Chapel, Oak Grove, Walnut Creek, Goldmine, Mashburn Branch, Watauga, and served as interim pastor of Calvary.

One of the highlights for Rev. Shields while he was at Watauga from 1959-1962 was that of the church lowering the ceiling, remodeling, and painting of the sanctuary. Another thing was the leveling of the mounts on the graves — which makes the up-keep of the cemetery simpler. During these same pastorate years "The Good Man" joined the church. As a boy staying in the logging camps, Rev. Shields had heard Rev. George Cloer preach and he nicknamed him "The Good Man". Rev. Shields relates that it added to his feelings the day Rev. George Cloer and Ralph Morgan joined the Watauga Baptist Church by letter. During his pastorate from 1966-1969, some more remodeling was done in the front section of the church. In early 1968, new floors and pews were placed in the sanctuary.

When asked by the researcher about a motto and/or a scripture to live by, his response was that of two phrases, "Born to Serve" and "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister". Rev. Shields' special qualities for Christ are witnessed throughout his daily living!



JUD R. DUVALL
1958-1959

Jud R. Duvall was born in the Tellico Community of Macon County on September 17, 1917 to A. A. and Vinnie Smith Duvall. In 1940 he married Isabella Roper. To this marriage was born one son, Guy Duvall, who is also a minister. They also have two grandchildren.

In 1955 Rev. Duvall was ordained to the ministry at the Iotla Baptist Church. He pastored a number of churches including Tellico which was his home church and his first pastorate. Other churches which he served were: Liberty, Burningtown, West Franklin, Oak Grove, Watauga, Oak Dale and Wells Grove. He served two pastorates at Oak Grove and Burningtown. His longest pastorate was at Wells Grove which was 11 years.

Rev. Duvall retired in 1985 and resides in the Burningtown Community of Macon County.



ARVIL SWAFFORD

1955-1958

Arvil and his twin sister, Esta Mae, who deceased at age 13, were born on May 1, 1902 in the Upper Burningtown Community to William M. and Nannie E. Crawford both of Macon County. He graduated from Iotla School when it was a high school. In 1927 he married Laura C. Potts also of Macon County.

Rev. Swafford was ordained into the ministry at Iotla Baptist Church in 1945. Rev. Bill Sorrells was the presiding minister. He graduated from Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute near Hendersonville, N.C., in 1950 and received several credits through Seminary Extension Courses given by Mars Hill.

Mr. Swafford's first pastorate was Rose Creek Baptist Church in Macon County and pastored several other churches in the county: Pine Grove, Longview, Mt. Hope, Wells Grove, Holly Springs, Ridgecrest and Watauga. He also preached at Mashburn Branch and Windy Gap on Sunday afternoons when they were only missions. After leaving Macon County he was pastor of Marble Springs Baptist Church at Marble, N.C. for nearly five years. Then he pastored Elk Mountain Baptist Church in Asheville for six years.

Due to failing health, when he was almost 66 years old, Mr. Swafford retired as pastor but continued as interim pastor at Valley, Grovestone, Deaverview and Beaverdam Baptist churches in Buncombe County. Mr. Swafford died on February 16, 1985 at the age of 82.



PAUL COLEMAN MORGAN

1949-1950 and 1964-1966

Interim (17 weeks) 1980

Rev. Paul Morgan was born on December 12, 1911. He is the son of the late Jess and Eva Hedden Morgan. He was married on December 22, 1934 to the late Virginia Louise Estes Morgan. Rev. and Mrs. Morgan parented four sons and three daughters. In October of 1928, Paul was saved and baptized into Watauga Baptist Church. Almost a year later, while working in the cornfield, he received his calling to preach the gospel. It was another year before he revealed his experience to a good friend. Later, after having publicly announced his call into the ministry, Paul was licensed to preach by the Watauga Baptist Church (1931); his ordination was by Watauga on October 31, 1937. His first sermon was entitled "Two Foundations"; scripture was taken from Matthew 7:24-27. The first church he pastored was Watauga. During one of his pastorate years at Watauga, he did not take any money. The church was involved in obtaining a dug well, so Paul asked the church to apply his salary to the completion of the well project. In addition to Watauga, Paul has pastored at Prentiss, West Union, Calvary, and is presently Rose Creek's pastor.

Paul has been and still is an inspiring man of God in the Watauga Baptist Church. His God given strength and vitality has nurtured the expanding growth of Watauga and continues to do so. There is not space enough to say all that could be said about the capacities of service that Paul has rendered to Watauga Baptist Church over his past 57 years of membership. Through Paul's first realization as a boy, attending meetings in the old church, "that God and man could get together," he has developed a winning personality that flows from God to man.

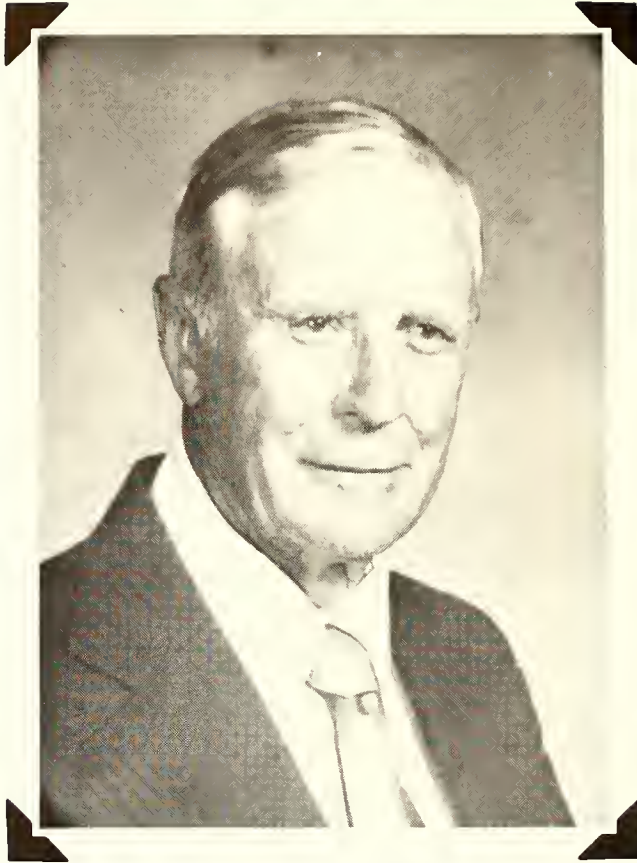


DAVID LEE CRAWFORD

1947-1949

David Lee Crawford was born December 9, 1900 in Macon County to Sam and Jane Webb Crawford and died February 22, 1963. He was married to Moleta Clouse and was the father of four children.

Mr. Crawford was ordained into the ministry at Ridgecrest Baptist Church on November 24, 1940. He attended Fruitland Bible Institute for two years and pastored the following churches: Watauga, Ridgecrest, Coweeta, Mountain Grove, Newman's Chapel, Ellijay, Shortoff, Higdonville, and Prentiss. While at Watauga, he took great interest in the upkeep of the cemetery.



FRANK REED
1940-1941 and 1943-1946

Frank Reed was born in Rabun County, Georgia on July 8, 1904 to Mack and Sarah Owens Reed. Due to his father's death in 1917, he had to quit school and help support the family. On July 13, 1930, he married Maude Ridley and they had six children.

In August 1930, Mr. Reed was converted in an old time revival. Soon after his conversion, he began to feel the call to preach but fought it for 3 or 4 years. When he was 30 years of age, he was licensed and ordained to preach in Macedonia Baptist Church in Rabun County, Georgia.

Mr. Reed attended Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He served as pastor of the following churches on a part-time basis in Georgia: Macedonia (his home church), Pleasant Hill and Clear Creek. In Macon County he pastored Shortoff, Pine Grove, Goldmine, Watauga, Yellow Mountain, Newman's Chapel, Scaly, Walnut Creek, and Coweeta. Later he felt the call to full time pastorate and began at Tuckasegee Baptist Church in Jackson County. He also served Grandview and Dutch Cove Baptist Churches in Haywood County and Shoal Creek in Jackson County.

On May 6, 1973, Mr. Reed retired from Shoal Creek and has been doing interim work in several churches.



LESTER SORRELLS

1937-1939

Mr. Sorrells was born July 17, 1900 in the Mashburn Branch Community of Macon County and died October 1945. He was married to Annie Guffey and they had 13 children.

In 1925 Mr. Sorrells was baptized and joined Sugarfork Baptist Church. He was ordained into the ministry at Wells Grove Baptist Church. He organized Longview Baptist Church in 1940.

Mr. Sorrells pastored the following churches: Watauga, Zion Hill, Longview and Macedonia.



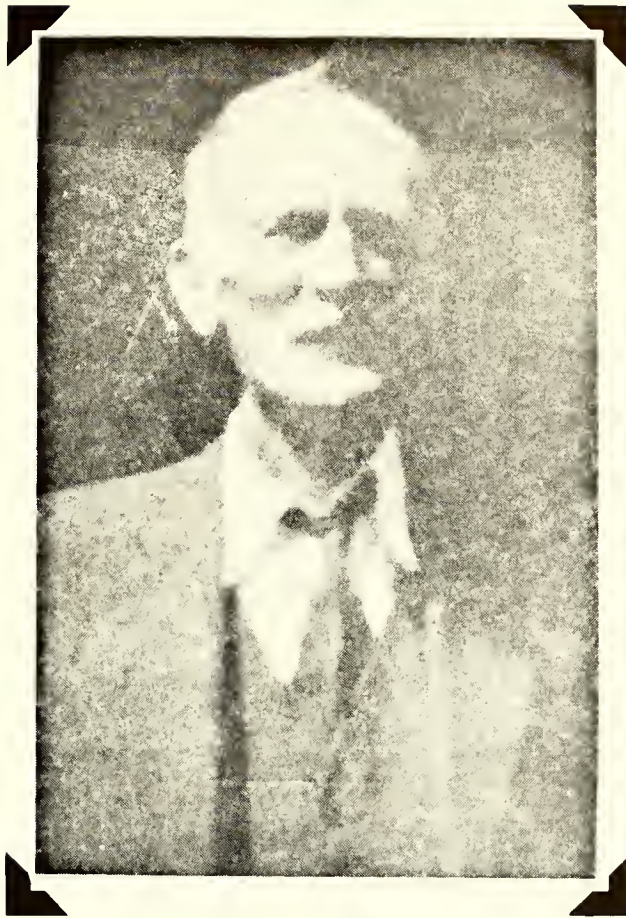
GEORGE A. CLOER

1935-1937 and 1939-1940

George Andrew Cloer was born to Jacob M. and Annie Laura Cloer on August 28, 1884 and died August 31, 1970. He was married for 66 years to Flora Dills Cloer rearing seven daughters and three sons all of which he baptized.

Mr. Cloer was licensed to preach September 23, 1911 and ordained December 11, 1914. He did pastorate work for 56 years and during that time served forty different churches in Macon County and other parts of North Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. He helped organize six churches and five Baptist ministers were converted under his preaching.

Mr. Cloer was one of the first ministers to have a program on Radio Station WFSC called the Family Worship Hour. It was on the air for twelve years. He always made the statement that he didn't believe in retiring from the Lord's work and his ministry never stopped only slowed down about a year before his death at the age of 86.



ASCUE CARSON QUEEN

1930-1934

Ascue Carson Queen was born in the Canada section of Jackson County September 15, 1860 and died September 5, 1935. He was married to Inga Bo Wood and the father of six children. He was licensed to preach in 1879 and served as pastor in many churches in Macon and Tuckasegee Associations.

Mr. Queen also served as county missionary for Jackson County for seven years.

Mr. Queen was the great grandfather of Dale Grey Hooper who is now a foreign missionary to Kenya, Africa.



JOSEPH RABURN (JOE) BISHOP
1928-1930, 1941-1943 and 1950-1955

Rev. Joe Bishop was the son of the late John Belton Bishop and Mary Franks Bishop. He was born on August 27, 1897 and died on August 6, 1985. He was married to Pearl Smith Bishop (who survives) in January 1922. Rev. and Mrs. Bishop parented seven sons and three daughters. Rev. Bishop was born at Cullowhee, N.C. His family later moved to Greenville, S.C. and then to Gastonia, N.C. He joined the Flint Groves Baptist Church (Gastonia, N.C.) in 1922. Shortly after his conversion, he answered the call into the ministry. On November 11, 1923, he was licensed to preach by South Marietta Street Baptist Church in Gastonia. He was ordained on March 14, 1926 by East Sylva Baptist Church. Rev. Bishop was elected as the assistant pastor of Flint Groves (Gastonia) in 1926. While living in Gastonia, he attended Bible classes at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, N.C. In his 59 years of ministry, Rev. Bishop pastored Watauga, Zion Hill, Liberty, Prentiss, New Savannah, Little Savannah, East Fork, Mountain Grove, Ellijay, Shooting Creek, Eagle Fork, and Rainbow Springs (He pastored some of these churches more than once.). In his early pastorate years, transportation for Rev. Bishop was via walking. It was not until his later years that he was able to drive and provide his own vehicle transportation. He witnessed to the fact that "if one had the will, God would provide the way". Once as he was questioned by the researcher concerning a favorite scripture, his response was that ". . . any scripture was his to live by; he believed it all." He can be remembered for his physical and spiritual height as he walked straight and tall and represented the Lord all the way!



J. L. MARTIN
1926-1927

J. L. Martin was born at Murphy, North Carolina on December 29, 1881 and died April 5, 1936. He moved to Macon County in 1925 to pastor Mt. Hope Baptist Church and to attend Sylva Collegiate Institute at Sylva, N.C.

Mr. Martin pastored Coweeta Baptist Church as well as Watauga. After leaving Macon County, he pastored churches in McDowell and Avery Counties.

Two of Mr. Martin's daughters still live in Macon County:

Mrs. W. N. Dalrymple
Mrs. Clifford Dalrymple



D. C. McCOY

1920-1923

D.C. McCoy was born March 18, 1867 and died December 25, 1944. He was ordained on Friday, August 21, 1914 at Iotla during the association with Rev. T.J. Vinson as Moderator and Rev. R.P. McCracken as Secretary.

Mr. McCoy pastored a number of churches in Macon County and several in the adjoining counties. He taught school for almost 50 years.



ALVIN S. SOLESBEE

1918-1920 and 1924-1926

Alvin Solesbee was born at Long Branch near Kyle, North Carolina in June 1875 and died in 1937. He was married to Bell Kilpatrick and they had five children: Spurgeon and Paul Solesbee and Hope Patton of Franklin, N.C., Kate Phillips of Tennessee and Ruby S. Reid who is deceased.

Mr. Solesbee pastored churches throughout Macon County which were: Tellico, Burningtown, Holly Springs, Oak Grove, and Watauga. He taught school in his home community near where the present day Nantahala School is located.



R. P. McCracken

1911-1913

March 3, 1873, R. P. McCracken was born in Crabtree in Haywood County, North Carolina to John Marcus and Sophia Penland McCracken. He grew up in Crabtree and married Adeline Kirkpatrick to whom were born nine children - six boys and three girls.

Rev. McCracken was ordained in the Watauga Baptist Church July 1, 1911. According to one record, he first preached at Tessentee Baptist Church in 1910.

After his ordination he pastored churches in Macon, Madison, Haywood and Buncombe counties. The churches he served in Macon County were: Watauga, Holly Springs, Pine Grove and Mountain Grove.

Mr. McCracken was a very good carpenter and rock mason. These abilities were used to assist in the construction of several churches.

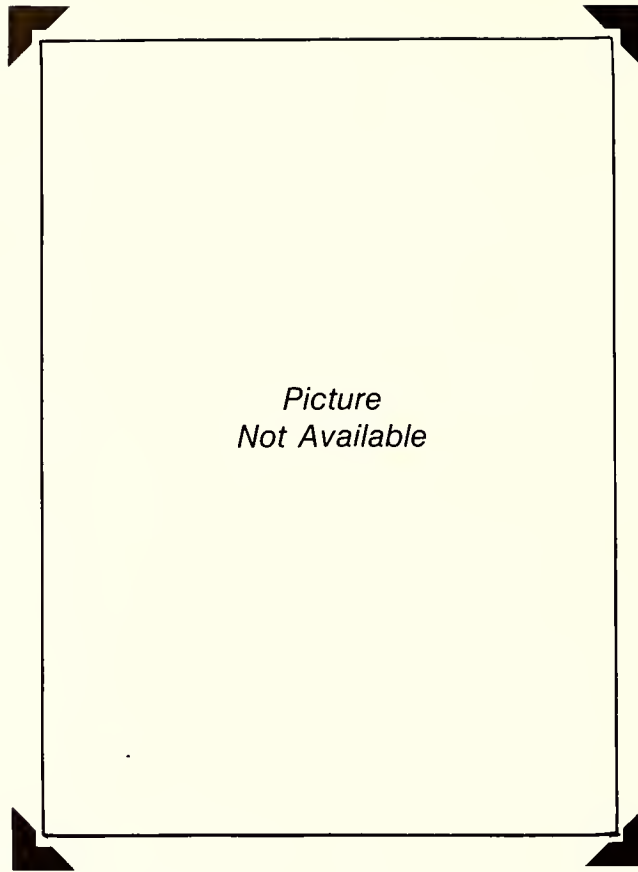


W. T. (BILLY) POTTS

1910-1911

W. T. Potts was born in the Oak Grove section of Macon County August 16, 1857 and died November 16, 1935. He was married to Martha Ammons and the father of eight children. One of his children, Arthur Potts of Highlands, is still living.

Mr. Potts was ordained from the Highlands Church and was the first county missionary of Macon County.



ELDER THOMAS CURTIS KING

1908-1910

Thomas Curtis King was born in Yancey County, North Carolina January 7, 1861 and died August 27, 1934. He was licensed to preach in 1884 and ordained by the Elk Shoal Baptist Church in 1885 in Yancey County.

Mr. King studied at Judson College in Hendersonville, North Carolina, and Fairview Baptist Institute in Bumcombe County, N.C. His pastorate work was done in Western North Carolina and North Georgia for 52 years.



JOHN LEANDER KINSLAND

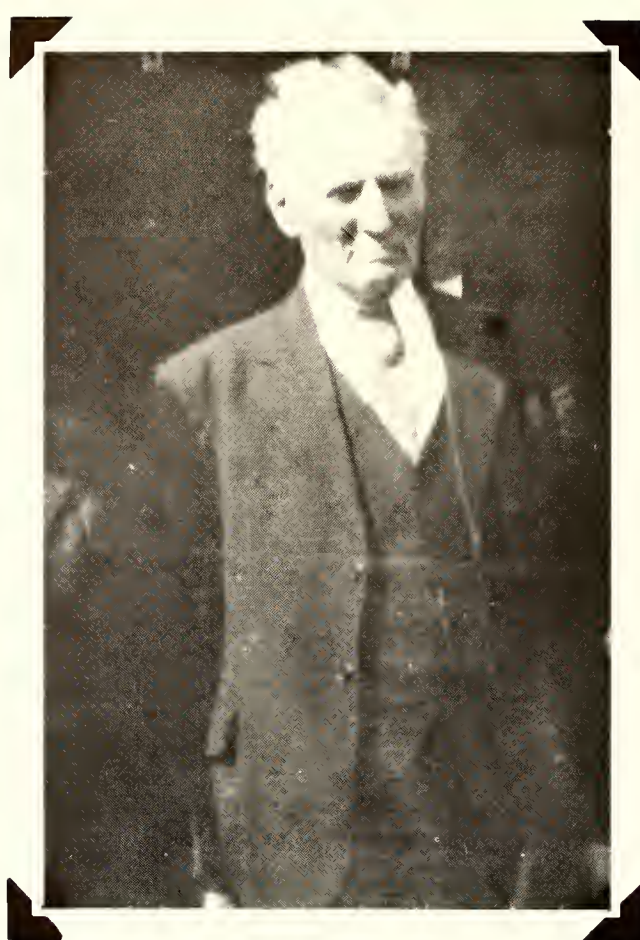
1905-1908

John Leander Kinsland was born July 19, 1864 to William John and Sarah Ann Corbin Kinsland. On January 9, 1895 he married Margaret Elizabeth Higdon and they had five children.

In 1891 Mr. Kinsland was saved and joined Watauga Church. Soon after his conversion he was licensed and ordained into the gospel ministry. He pastored various churches in Macon, Jackson, and Rabun County, Georgia.

After he was married his church membership was transferred to Sugarfork Church, then to Cartoogechaye Church where he remained an active member until his death at age 71, January 17, 1935.

Mr. Kinsland has two grandsons in the Baptist ministry, Roy Jordan Smith and Johnny Joseph Smith, and one great-grandson, Ronald Stanley Pierce who is also a Baptist minister.



JOHN ALFRED BRENDLE

1903-1904 and 1915-1918

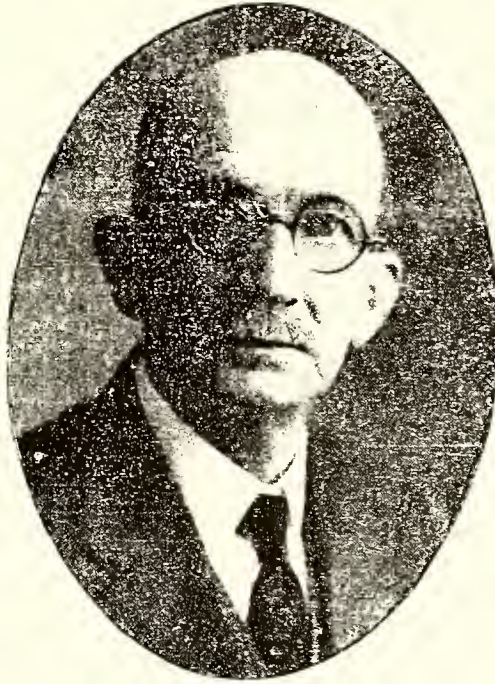
J. A. Brendle was born to John and Amanda Ingram Brendle in Macon County on April 12, 1867 and died November 14, 1958. In 1896 he married Nancy Rebeccah Ray. After God called him into the gospel ministry, he attended college at Wake Forest for 3½ years.

Rev. Brendle served in the Western North Carolina Convention and held various offices in the Baptist Association and pastored churches throughout Macon County. He also pastored churches and did evangelistic work in Texas, Oklahoma, Washington, Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

During his six years of ministry at Yates Memorial Church at Durham, N.C., he led the people in that area to build seven new churches.

Before God called him home at the age of 91, Rev. Brendle had completed more than 60 years in the ministry, 9 of which were in evangelistic work.

He and his wife are buried in the Watauga Baptist Church cemetery.



A. H. Sims

1899-1900

Allen Hampton Sims was born June 6, 1855 in Towns County, Georgia and passed away August 29, 1928.

Rev. Sims was converted October 1, 1869 and was baptized by his grandfather, Elder Robert Byers. He was ordained into the ministry October 10, 1881 at Shoals Creek Baptist Church in Jackson County, N.C. The major part of his work was in Western North Carolina. He organized Sylva and Dillsboro Baptist churches and was the associational missionary of the Tuckasegee Baptist Association for one year.



W. L. BRADLEY

1897-1898, 1900-1902, 1904-1908, 1913-1915 and 1923-1924

W.L. Bradley was born August 1, 1860 and died December 2, 1945. He was ordained a minister of the gospel at Oak Grove Baptist Church. The presbytery was composed of G. A. Bartlett, J. A. Brendle, Jas. Bryson and H. P. Caler.

He helped organize the Macon Association and was Moderator for a number of years. In 1910, the Executive Board of Missions and Education chose Rev. W. L. Bradley to serve in the field as associational missionary.

Mr. Bradley was a minister of the gospel for over 50 years and pastored most all churches in Macon County. He also served as pastor of a number of churches in Swain and Jackson Counties.



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GEORGE ALEXANDER BARTLETT

1895-1899

George Andrew Bartlett was born in Sevier County, Tennessee. He studied at the Oakgrove Academy and the Pigeon Academy in Sevier County.

Mr. Bartlett came to North Carolina pastoring churches in the Buncombe Association. He was in attendance at a church in Burningtown, Macon County, N.C. where the Tuckasegee Baptist Association was being held August 14-17, 1890. Then in 1892 he was elected pastor of Franklin Baptist Church and he and wife joined Franklin Baptist Church March 19, 1893 leaving Oakgrove where he had also pastored in 1891. He also pastored Highlands Baptist Church and Coweeta.

Mr. Bartlett was pastor at Watauga 1895-1896 and on August 12, 1896 the Tuckasegee Association met with the Watauga Church. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bartlett, Moderator.

He was very active in the temperance movement and served as minister of missions to several churches in Tuckasegee Association. He served on a committee to consider propriety and suitability of dividing the Tuckasegee Association making a Macon and Jackson Association.

Mr. Bartlett left North Carolina in the early 1900's and went to Canton, Georgia to continue his work there.



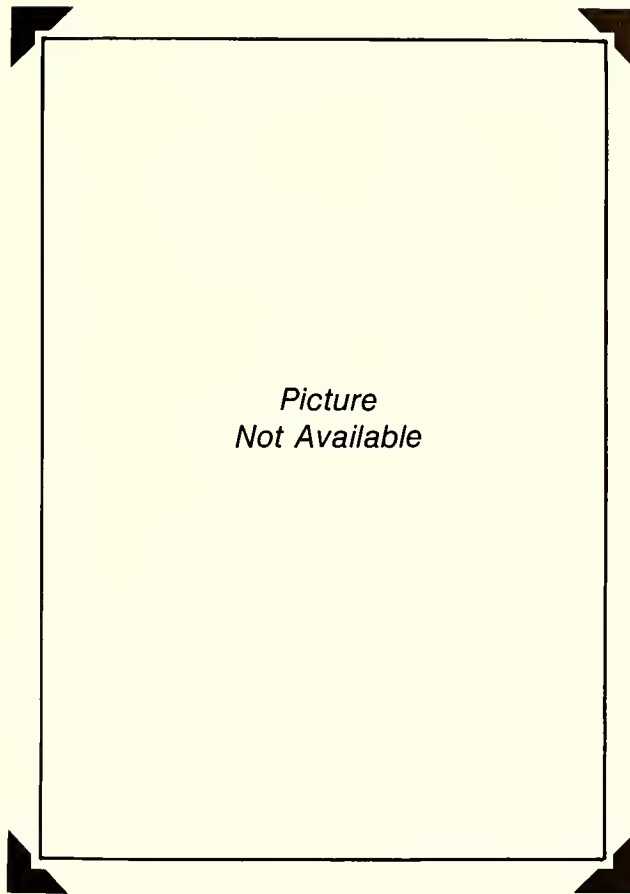
FRANCIS MARION MORGAN

1893-1895

Marion Morgan was born June 9, 1859 at Otter Creek in the Nantahala area of Macon County to Robert and Nancy Boston Morgan. He was married May 18, 1879 to Mary Catherine Weatherman to whom were born seven daughters and one son.

Rev. Morgan was converted in 1875 and was baptized in 1877 by L. J. Green. After he was ordained into the gospel ministry, he pastored many churches in Macon County including Sugarfork, Tellico, Burningtown, Oak Grove, and Watauga.

He was a devoted man of God and went well prepared in the scriptures to the churches he served. He preached his last sermon at Burningtown Baptist Church on June 9, 1929 on St. Mark Chapter 6, Verse 31. After this Sunday morning sermon, he returned to his home and died later that day. Some of Rev. Morgan's poems and sermon outlines are still in the possession of his grandchildren.



ALFRED W. DAVIS

1892-1893

Alfred W. Davis came to North Carolina from Georgia in the late 19th century. He pastored Watauga Baptist Church and other churches in Tuckasegee Association.

While pastoring Webster Baptist Church, he married Martha A. Cowan several years his senior. No children were born to this union. At her death, he married Martha's niece, Cora Cowan. They had a son, John, who is now living in Virginia.

Mr. Davis died September 29, 1930. He served on the Committee for Finance, foreign missions and Baptist orphanage and was a strong leader in the temperance movement.



ELDER THADDEUS FRANKLIN DEITZ

1891

T. F. Deitz was born in Jackson County, North Carolina on September 5, 1868 to Nathaniel and Mira Jane Buchanan Deitz and died on August 29, 1953. He was married to Mary Theresa Cowan Deitz. He was converted and baptized at age 13 and began his ministerial career at age 15. He was ordained in July 1981 at East Fork. The ordination council consisted of Elders W. W. Reid, J. G. Ammons, J. L. Buchanan and C. S. Buchanan.

Mr. Deitz has been referred to as "Shepherd of the Hills". For 66 years he was a traveling preacher and evangelist serving churches in Jackson, Swain and Macon counties and also in Georgia. He served as Moderator of the Tuckasegee and Tennessee River Associations for 40 years. He served as Vice President of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

When Mr. Deitz died he stipulated in his last will and testament that \$1,000 from his humble estate should go to the Cooperative Program.

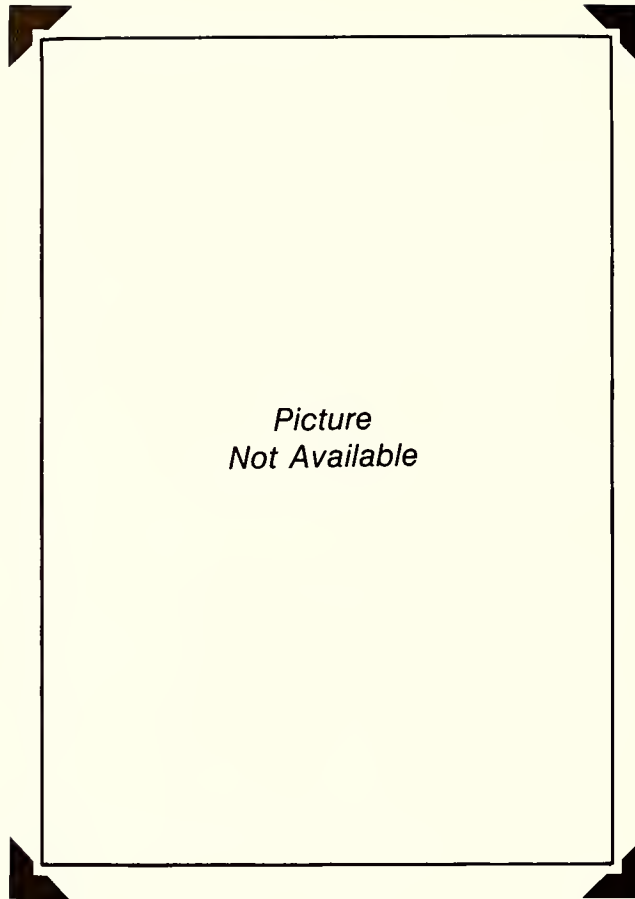


J. R. PENDERGRASS

1890-1891

J. R. Pendergrass was born in Old Fort, North Carolina on February 10, 1857 and died July 3, 1934. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1885 and was ordained as a Baptist minister October 6, 1885. Mr. Pendergrass came to Franklin June 1, 1890. He taught school and preached before going into the merchandise business.

Mr. Pendergrass was married to Florence Izora Collins Hill Dean on March 30, 1891. They had three children Cecil, Broadus, and Marie.



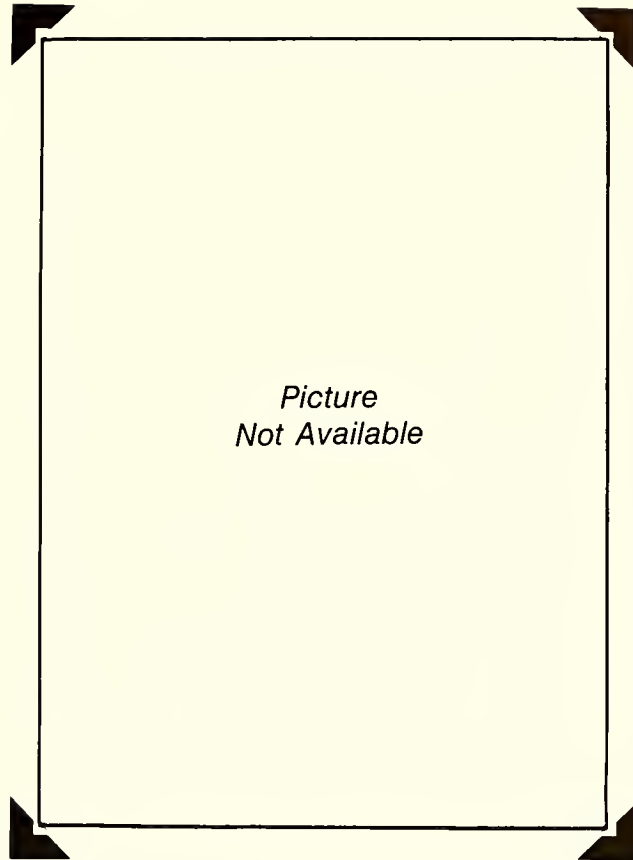
JOHN E. MORGAN

1890

John E. Morgan was born at Kyle, North Carolina and at one time lived in the Burningtown section of Macon County, North Carolina. He also lived in Valley River between Marble and Tipton, North Carolina. It is believed he moved to Cleveland, Tennessee. He had two sons Herbert and Joseph and was the brother of Rev. Francis Marion Morgan.

On July 31, 1886, J. E. Morgan preached at Tellico Baptist Church. On February 5, 1887, he was elected to become pastor of this church. On March 26, 1887 he received the pastorate care of Tellico Baptist Church. In September of the same year he resigned. He served as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in 1889 and Watauga Baptist Church in 1890.

During one of the Tuckasegee Associational meetings, J. E. Morgan was appointed to serve on a committee for Home Missions.

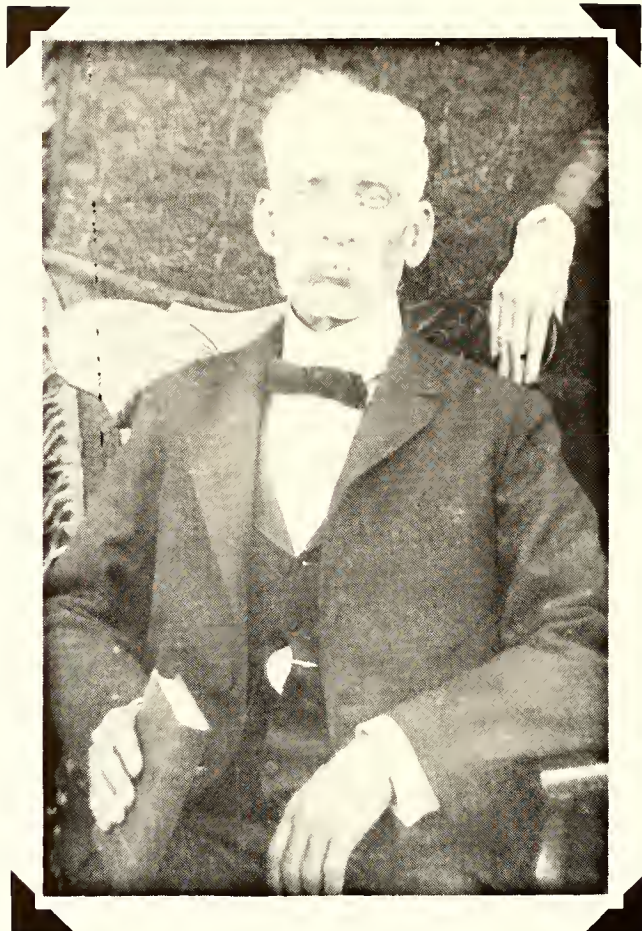


ELDER WILLIAM S. BALLARD

1887-1889

William S. Ballard was born in Montgomery County, North Carolina about 1860. He was licensed to preach in October 1880 by Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. He was ordained in May 1884 by Wake Forest Baptist Church.

Mr. Ballard studied at Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Most of his pastorate work was done in Southeastern North Carolina. He was a member of the Western Baptist Convention of North Carolina in 1887 and 1888.



JAMES GRAYSON AMMONS

1886-1887 and 1889-1892

James Grayson Ammons was born September 18, 1848 and died October 16, 1905. On January 21, 1882, Mr. Ammons was ordained into the ministry at Zion Hill on Savannah Creek in Jackson County by the following ministers: W. W. Reed, C. S. Buchanan, R. P. McCracken and M. M. Bram.

After the Watauga Baptist Church in Macon County was organized in March 1886, Rev. Ammons was chosen to be its first pastor. He served this church during the following years: March 22, 1886 to November 11, 1887; March 9, 1889 to December 7, 1889; October 26, 1891 to November 12, 1892.

Mr. Ammons was married twice. First to Laura A. Cowan and after her death to Laura Dills, both of Jackson County. ■

DEACONS

Past & Present

E.D. Franks	1886	S.J. Ammons	1909	Asbury Sanders	1954
C.W. Allen	1886	Wiley Sanders	1916	Lon Thompson	1954
T.S. Sanders	1886	R.D. Brendle	1916	Ernest Brendle	1961
M.L. Angel	1888	Walter Dean	1922	Mack Sanders	1961
A.J.H. Brendle	1888	Frank Bailey	1931	Carl McMahan	1976
C.L. Rickman	1890	William Franks	1931	Verlin Curtis	1976
Elisha Fox	1891	Sam Saunders	1931	Max Gladwell	1983
J.T. Young	1892	Frank Brendle	1951	James H. Hedden	1983
T.N. Synder	1892	Guy Clouse	1951	Horace Hurst	1983
E.V. Ammons	1906	John Wood	1951	Bruce Ammons	1983
H.D. Dean	1909	Gene Cassada	1954	Marvin Bolick	1983
		John D. Hopkins	1954		



Tom N. Snyder — 1892



Wiley Sanders — 1916

DEACONS



R.D. (Uncle Bob) Brendle — 1916



Frank Bailey — 1931

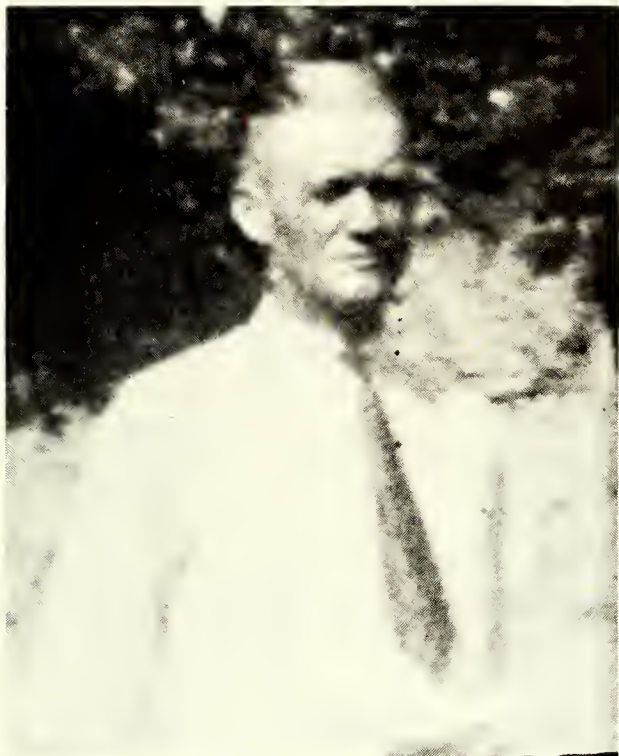


William Franks — 1931



Frank Brendle — 1951

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Lon Thompson — 1954



Guy Clouse — 1951



Gene Cassada w/wife Pauline — 1954



Jay Hopkins w/wife Maude — 1954

DEACONS



Asbury Sanders w/wife Opal — 1954



Carl MaMahan — 1976



Ernest Brendle w/wife Evelyn — 1961



Mack Sanders — 1961

DEACONS



Verlin Curtis w/wife Marvel — 1976



Max Gladwell w/wife Glenda — 1983



James H. Hedden w/wife Sue — 1983



Marvin Bolick w/wife Cathy — 1983

DEACONS



Horace Hurst w/wife Deanie — 1983



Bruce Ammons w/wife Marie — 1983



THE LORD'S ACRE PLAN

In the late 1930's the Lord's Acre Plan was initiated. This was a plan to use God's soil, seeds, animals, and Christian people to produce farm products to be sold and the money given to the churches to help with the financial support. Watauga Baptist Church chose to follow this plan for two years.

One year Mr. Frank Bailey permitted the church to use some of his land on which to plant cane seeds. Another year R. D. (Uncle Bob) Brendle allowed the church to plant beans in one of his fields. Both men and women volunteered their labor for cultivating and harvesting the cane and beans. The cane juice was made into syrup and sold. The green beans, when ready, were picked and sold.

Another phase of the Lord's Acre Plan was mostly for the women. They gave all the eggs their hens laid on Sunday. These "Sunday" eggs were collected by "Aunt" Mary Sanders and Nobia Brendle. A Mr. Potts came from Sylva and bought these eggs. The money received for them went to help financially support the church.

There were many volunteer workers — both men and women. Mrs. Ed Ramey told me that she and Mrs. George Cloer took their lunch to the cane field and spent most of one day cutting off the heads from the cane stalks so they could be pressed to remove the juice. Frank Brendle boiled the cane juice until it became syrup.

The picture accompanying this report on the Lord's Acre Plan shows some of the volunteer workers. From left to right they are: On the horse, Doris Brendle, Paul Morgan, George Brendle, Amy and R. D. (Uncle Bob) Brendle, Thad Cloer, Edgar Carter and Indy Carter feeding the cane into the two rollers.

Submitted By: Mattie B. Fouts
March 21, 1986

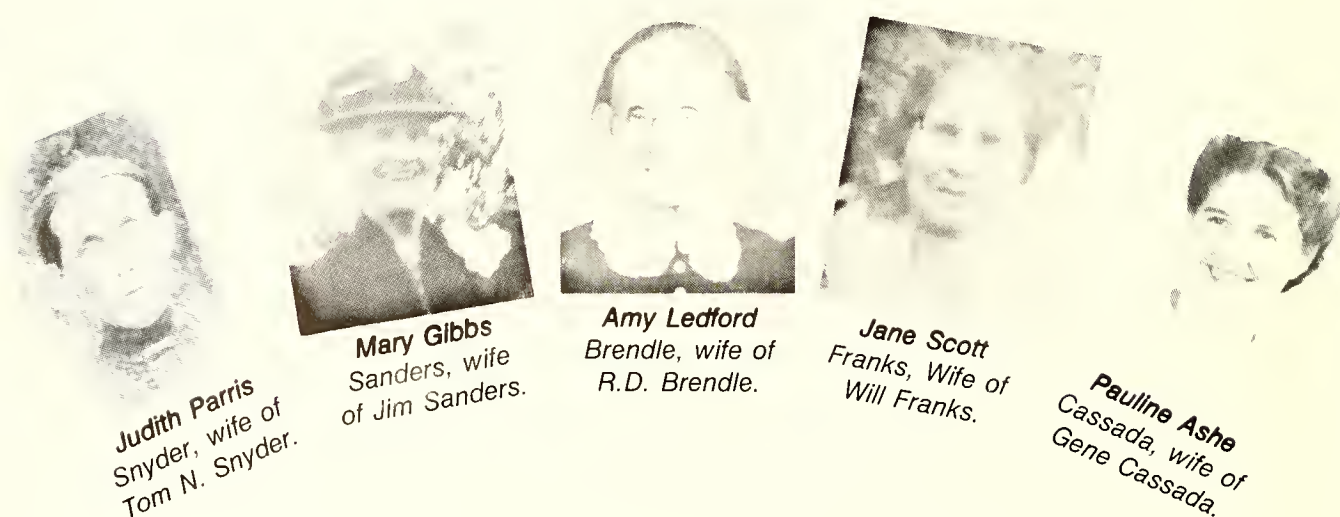
“This Do In Remembrance of Me”

Through the years, 1886-1986, the Christian people of the Watauga Baptist Church have followed the teaching of Christ, as found in the Scripture Luke 22:19-20, concerning the Lord's Supper.

During the early days of the Watauga Baptist Church, the Lord's Supper was not observed as often as it is now — once or possibly twice each year. The bread and wine were served from *one* glass and *one* plate which were brought from the kitchen of the woman who had prepared the supper. Those who partook of the wine drank from one glass which was passed from one person to another. All who took bread did so from the one plate which was also passed from person to person. Later, two glasses and two plates were used. These were also furnished by the woman who had prepared the Lord's Supper.

Juanita Cassada Dowdle bought and donated three cut glass plates for the bread and three containers with individual cups for the wine. These are now in use the first Sunday of each quarter or every three months.

The following Christian women, from 1886-1986, have prepared the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper.



Submitted by Mattie B. Fouts.

BAPTISM THROUGH THE YEARS

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus Christ said to His disciples, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit". The Christian people of the Watauga Baptist Church since 1886 have believed and accepted this teaching of Christ.

From the time the Watauga Church was organized, until the baptistry was erected in 1978, the baptismal ceremonies took place outdoors. Ponds or pools were built by Christian men who volunteered their time. At a set time on Saturday, before the baptizing was to take place the following day, the volunteers would meet at the appropriate place. Logs were sawed long enough to span the creek. Then they were placed across the creek in such a way that the water was dammed so it would be deep enough to baptize candidates of different heights.

In the early days of the church, because there were no cars, people walked to and from all the church services. On Sunday A.M., about 10 o'clock, the candidates for baptism would walk to a home near the baptismal pool. Here they would leave a change of clothes and then proceed to the pond for the baptismal ceremony. After this service, the newly baptized members, as well as the ministers, would go to the home where they had left their clothes. After they had exchanged wet clothes for dry ones, they would walk to the church for the remainder of the service.

As time passed and cars began to be used, the baptismal services were held on Sunday afternoon. Some of the candidates could go now to their own homes for a change of clothes. Others still chose to use the homes of friends.

The following locations for the outdoor baptismal services are listed in order from 1886-1978. Given in order also are the names of the people who made rooms available for the candidates.

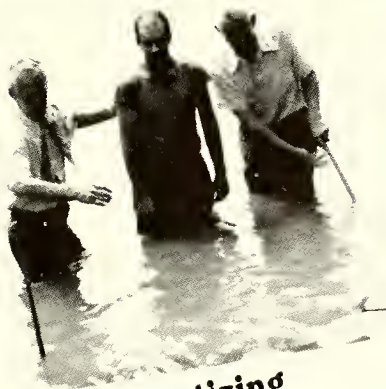
1. Watauga Creek near Mr. Joe Morgan's home — Joe & Callie Morgan.

2. Coon Creek between the property of Harley Brendle and R.D. (Uncle Bob) Brendle — upstream from the wooden bridge that crosses Coon Creek - R.D. & Amy Brendle.

3. Watauga Creek near the home of Mr. Claude Morgan — Claude & Minnie Morgan and Ray & Sadie McIntyre.

4. Watauga Vista Lake — The owners of the lake gave permission to use both the lake and bathhouse.

Submitted by Mattie B. Fouts



**Baptizing
at Watauga Lake**



**Chanda Gladwell
Baptized by Rev. Lowe.**

TESTIMONIALS

I thank God for Watauga Baptist Church and its 100th birthday. It has been a constant source of inspiration for me both as a preacher and as a Christian, and I am glad to share some of my experiences with you.

I was saved August 17, 1975. I was baptized and joined the church all on the same day. My wife Leota, and son, Dave were also saved and baptized and they joined the church shortly after.

We enjoyed going to church at Watauga and being a part of the fellowship and worshipping together and did so until God called me to preach and sent me out. I surrendered to preach January 11, 1981. I preached my first sermon January 18, 1981 on Sunday morning and was also licensed. I was ordained to preach by Watauga on August 15, 1982. Tellico Baptist Church was my first church to serve as pastor. At this time, I am now pastoring Pine Grove Baptist Church. I thank God for those who prayed for me to be saved and I thank Him for keeping His love in my heart that I might love others. I thank the members of Watauga Church for the friendship, support, and prayers that they have given me and my family.

My heart's desire is that God will always bless and keep every one of you in his wonderful love. I pray that each member will try harder in the future to serve Him and be a better member, giving God the glory, honor, and praise for it all. For this is a very special day for each and every one of us. We will never see another birthday like this one again. The future of this church now rests in the hands of our children and their children.

To each and every one that has made this day a special one and a joy to behold, May God Bless and always care for you. 1 Peter 5:7.

With the love of Jesus,
Rev. David Williams and family

My Memories of Watauga Church by Mamie Raby:

I came to Watauga Church in 1939. I felt the power of God and good fellowship from the first and it is still with us.

There are too many memories to write, but the most important is that this is where my children grew up and accepted Jesus. The good days of Bible School were so precious.

I truly enjoyed teaching the intermediates in those days, the ones who are parents of intermediates and others now.

Christmas was a special time helping with Christmas programs. The people were so interested and willing to help. There was no TV to distract. They gave it their best and today most of them are working members of the church. I pray the others remember and come to serve God.

The dedication of our old people made a great impression on me. When they walked to church and were so faithful throughout all things and to keep our church working for God on through the present generation.

Thank God for Watauga Church.

TESTIMONIALS

Rev. Bennie Alvin Haire was born in Clayton, Georgia on April 29, 1953 to Rev. Bennie Bolden Haire and Mrs. Margaret Louise Anderson Haire. He grew up in the Coweeta Community and attended the Coweeta Baptist Church. At the age of nineteen, Rev. Haire was saved and joined the Coweeta Baptist Church.

Rev. Haire is married to Stella Ann Norris Haire. They are the parents of two girls, Teresa Lynn and Stephanie Ann. Rev. Haire and his family came to Watauga Baptist Church in the summer of 1981. On November 15, 1981, Rev. Haire was called and licensed into the gospel ministry. The Watauga Church ordained Rev. Haire on October 7, 1984.

Rev. Haire specifies that the phrase “. . . you must be born again” (St. John 3:7) is part of his testimony. He also adds that one should follow Jesus Christ as the Lord and Master of his life. He encourages individuals to put Christ “first” in their life. And after doing that, whatever God calls or leads one to do, he should be willing to step out by faith through Jesus Christ. This can be mastered for anyone who believes in the gospel of salvation. In St. Matthew 28:20, Jesus proclaims a great promise for people to live by “. . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”.

Rev. Haire is truly a man of God who lives by his testimony. He and his family are close to all of us at Watauga. In addition to preaching the word, Rev. Haire is very talented in music. He added much to our church. Although, we miss the Haire family, we are confident that they are obeying the Lord as they now serve the Lord at Mountain Grove Baptist Church where Rev. Haire is pastor.

Leonard (Snipe) Sanders has been a life long attendant at Watauga Baptist Church. Mr. Sanders was born on December 26, 1912. He, along with his daddy, Mitch and his brother, Arthur were baptized on the same date in 1929 by Rev. Joe Bishop. Like some of the other elders have mentioned, Mr. Sanders remembers leaving school in the middle of the day in order to attend the old Watauga Baptist Church revival services. He noted that Tom McCoy was his first teacher (1917) who would call off school in the name of the Lord.

The researcher would like to add that she has known Mr. Snipe Sanders all of her life. Snipe has always been a faithful and enduring church member. He has been an inspiration in my life. I have attended Bible classes with him and though at times I would think that he was asleep; yet, when the scripture questions were asked, Snipe always knew the answer. I have thought so many times how amazing he was to know so much of the Bible.

Delia Mae Cloer Brendle, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. George A. Cloer joined the Watauga Baptist Church January 9, 1932. She was saved at the age of 13 at the Iotla Baptist Church. She has attended Watauga for 54 years, sung in the choir, taught the Junior girls' class for several years, and served as church clerk. She also sang alto in a quartet at the church made up of George Raby, Lead; Sam Sanders, Tenor; Dee Brendle, Bass; and Mattie Brendle Fouts playing the organ.

TESTIMONIALS

Sadie Franks McIntyre has been a church member for 51 years. Mrs. McIntyre submitted the following paragraph:

“Some time ago, our pastor asked for the older church members to give some facts on things they could remember for this history publication. I can think of very much. We have seen all of our children saved and become church members. This is the most precious of all. The most memorable occasion that I can think of is the time of David Lee Williams making a decision for the Lord. We were at the lake in Watauga Vista for a baptizing. While Brother Wallace Tallent was baptizing David Lee’s wife and son, I was wishing that David Lee was there. Suddenly, I looked behind me and there he stood! He turned away. I followed him and asked him if he did not think he should be in the water too. His response was that he was ready! As he went into the water, one could almost see the Lord walking on the water again. This event was on August 17, 1975. I give thanks to the Lord for David Lee’s response. He is presently the pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church. March 7, 1986 marked our 100th year anniversary at Watauga Baptist Church. On March 9, 1986 in our evening service, the pastor, Rev. Roy Lowe asked Rev. Paul Morgan if he would like to testify. After Rev. Morgan gave his personal testimony, the Spirit began to move and almost every person spoke out for the Lord (47 people were present). As we begin our second century, we know that Watauga has the promise that God will continue to be with us. Two precious souls were added on March 9, 1986. We should thank God each day for blessing our church so abundantly!”

Inez Morgan Tippet joined the Watauga Baptist Church at the age of 12 and has attended for 57 years (or all her life). She was Sunday School secretary for several years and BTU director. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jess Morgan who attended Watauga for many years.

William Ray McIntyre submitted the following statements concerning church days at Watauga Baptist Church.

“On October 11, 1928, I received Christ as my Saviour and joined the Watauga Baptist Church. That was the days and time when we were in the first church building—over 57 years ago. Lots of physical things have changed since then—all for the better. The Lord, He’s still the same. He’s the only one that can save man now. It would take a big book to handle all the material that I can remember about the church—some good things—some not so good. But, it’s true that the Lord has always blessed the Watauga Church, and He has always been awfully good to me. Many of my people, before me, were members of the Watauga Church. My parents (John and Caroline McIntyre), some of their children, and my daddy’s people were members of Watauga. My wife (Sadie) is an active member. All of my children were saved and joined Watauga. As I look back, I can visualize school turning out at 11:00 a.m. in order for the children and the teachers to go to revival meetings. All the farmers and people would quit their work and head to church with their every day clothes on. These revivals sometimes lasted two weeks at a time. The church would be full; people came early and stayed late. They weren’t always in a hurry as we seemingly are now. The transportation (if they had any) was in a wagon or on horseback. Bob Brendle usually hauled some folks on a wagon. Lots of people just walked. They brought their lanterns to a night service. When people died, they were hauled to the church on a wagon; the wagon was the ambulance. Although, there were very few cars and not many conveniences, the people started the church and supported it down through the time. The Lord was for the Watauga Baptist Church back then and He’s still for it because it is still existing a century later.”

CHURCH CLERKS

TREASURERS

T. S. Sanders
Elisha Fox
John T. Young
J. R. Sanders
Wiley Sanders
Guy Clouse
Gene Cassada
John D. Hopkins
James H. Hedden
Mary Moore

JANITORS

Alex Brendle
Joe Morrison
Roy Rankin and Boys
Tom Franks
Furman Sanders
Carl McMahan
Donnie Clouse
Coleen Ledford
Sue Johnson
Mary Moore
Marie Ammons
Jim and Joyce Carpenter

E. D. Franks
J. F. Ammons
J. T. Young
R. F. Henry
S. J. Ammons
J. B. Elmore
Austin Synder
Walter Dean
Ed Kerr
George Carpenter
Joseph C. Corbin
Frank Bailey
J. L. Corbin
E. A. Synder
J. B. Henry
G. C. Smith
J. B. Brendle
L. D. Morgan
Margie Sanders
G. L. McIntyre
Delia Mae Brendle
Nora Cassada
Marvel Curtis

CHOIR DIRECTORS

George Raby
Jim Raby
Lon Thompson
Gene Southard
Delia Mae Brendle
Coleen Ledford
Brenda Boatright

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Mary Raby Brown	1944-1947
Mamie Raby	1948-1957
Eleanor Cochran	
Valerie Clouse	1958-1960
Delia Mae Brendle	
Frances McIntyre Bishop	1961-Present

TRUSTEES

E. D. Franks	1886
T. S. Sanders	1886
R. D. Brendle	1925
Frank Bailey	1925
J. B. Henry	1925
Oscar Thompson	1948
Jim Raby	1948
J. B. Brendle	1948
Furman Sanders	1968
Verlin Curtis	1968
Clyde Kinsland	1968
Max Gladwell	1976
Ray McIntyre	1976

WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Roy Lowe

Clerk: Mrs. Marvel Curtis
Assistant: Mrs. Sue Hedden
Treasurer: Mrs. Mary Moore
Assistant: Mrs. Deanie Hurst
Pianist: Mrs. Sue Hedden
Assistant: Mrs. Cathy Bolick
Mrs. Yvonne Rogers
Organist: Mrs. Sue Hedden
Choir Director: Mrs. Coleen Ledford
Assistant: Mrs. Cathy Bolick
Mrs. Sue Hedden
Junior Choir Director: Miss Karen Cutris
Assistant: Miss Missy Moore
Junior Choir Pianist: Mrs. Cathy Bolick
Flower Committee: Mrs. Glenda Gladwell
Mrs. Marvel Curtis
Mrs. Lee Garner
Mrs. Sue Hedden
Grounds & Housekeepers: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carpenter
Mr. John Cook
Welcome Committee Chairperson: Mrs. Joyce Bishop

Sunday School
Superintendent: Mr. Lee Garner
Assistant: Mr. Bruce Ammons
Secretary: Miss Pam Gladwell
Assistant: Mrs. Joyce Carpenter
Miss Missy Moore
Adult Teacher: Mr. Gene Cassada
Assistant: Mrs. Mattie Fouts
Young Adults: Mrs. Sadie McIntyre
Assistant: Mr. Frank Killian
Young People: Mr. Max Gladwell
Assistant: Mrs. Cathy Bolick
Intermediate: Mr. Donnie Clouse
Assistant: Mrs. Brenda Pruitt
Juniors: Mrs. Clara Lowe
Assistant: Mrs. Sue Hedden
Primaries: Mr. Verlin Curtis
Assistant: Mr. Jim Hedden
Beginners: Mrs. Yvonne Rogers
Assistant: Mrs. Marie Ammons
Nursery: Mrs. Delia Mae Brendle
Mrs. Valeria Clouse
Worship Service Chairperson: Mrs. Regina Scott

Ushers: Mr. Bruce Ammons, Chairman
Mr. Jim Carpenter
Jim Anderson
Glenn Hedden
Bud Oxford
Alternate Ushers: Mr. Ricky Scott
Mr. Lee Garner
Mr. Donnie Clouse
Mr. Frank Killian

Training Union
Director: Mr. David Pruitt
Assistant: Mr. Marvin Bolick
Secretary: Mr. Glenn Hedden
Assistant: Mr. Bud Oxford
Adult Teacher: Mr. Verlin Curtis
Assistant: Mrs. Wanda Cabe
Young Adult: Mr. Donnie Clouse
Assistant: Mr. Bruce Ammons
Young People: Mrs. Joyce Bishop
Assistant: Mr. David Pruitt
Juniors: Mrs. Cathy Bolick
Assistant: Mrs. Coleen Ledford
Primaries: Miss Karen Curtis
Miss Missy Moore
Nursery: Mrs. Marie Ammons
Assistant: Mrs. Delia Mae Brendle
Ushers: Youth
Budget Committee: Mrs. Mary Moore
Rev. Roy Lowe
Mr. Max Gladwell
Mr. Verlin Curtis
Mr. Marvin Bolick
Mrs. Wanda Baker

GA Director: Mrs. Brenda Pruitt
Assistant: Miss Missy Moore
Acteens: Mrs. Pat Cottrell
Assistant: Mrs. Barbara Ammons
RA Director: Mr. Jim Hedden
Mr. David Pruitt
Assistant: Mr. Bud Oxford

WMU Director: Mrs. Shirley Clouse
Brotherhood Director: Mr. Marvin Bolick
Vacation Bible School Director: Mrs. Cathy Bolick

The Average Weekly Offering Is: \$600.00



One of Many
Homecoming
Days at
Watauga.



Homecoming — 1983



Homecoming — 1984

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Church Picnic — 1960



1960 Church Picnic — Guess Who?

ENTERTAINMENT



**Preacher's Choir 1986
at Unity Baptist
Church — Cullowhee
North Carolina.**

**The
Believers.**



**The
Clouse Family
Talent Night.**

CHURCH ACTIVITIES



Wedding of Jim and Sue Hedden — December. 1965.



Work at Camp Truett



Christus Garden — Gatlinburg.



Frank & Nobia Brendle.



Teen Group — 1982.



Blanche Carter being honored.



Work at Camp Truett.

EASTER

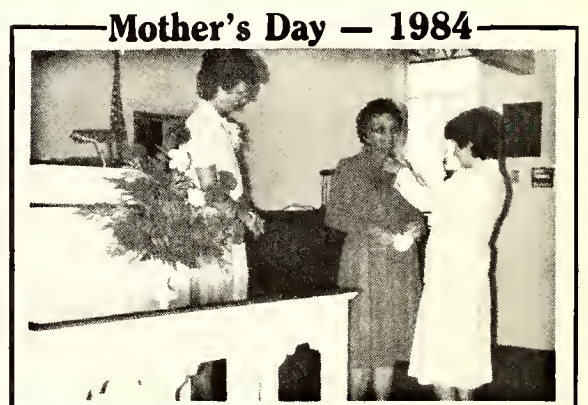


Easter Sunrise Service — 1985

MOTHER'S DAY



Mother's Day — 1983
Special Recognition to Inez Tippet



Oldest Mother - Delia Mae Brendle



Youngest Mother - Regina Scott



Caroling — 1982



**CHRISTMAS-FOR THE WORLD
1st Place Float — 1978**



Christmas Play — 1985

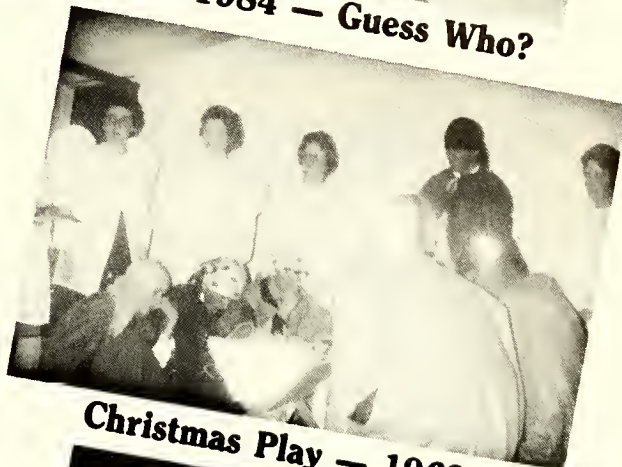


Children at Christmas — 1977

CHRISTMAS



Christmas 1984 — Guess Who?



Christmas Play — 1962



Christmas Play — 1980



Christmas — 1980



**Pastor Appreciation Day
April 1983**



**Re. Roy Lowe Presenting
a Bible to Troy Burt**

C H U R C H

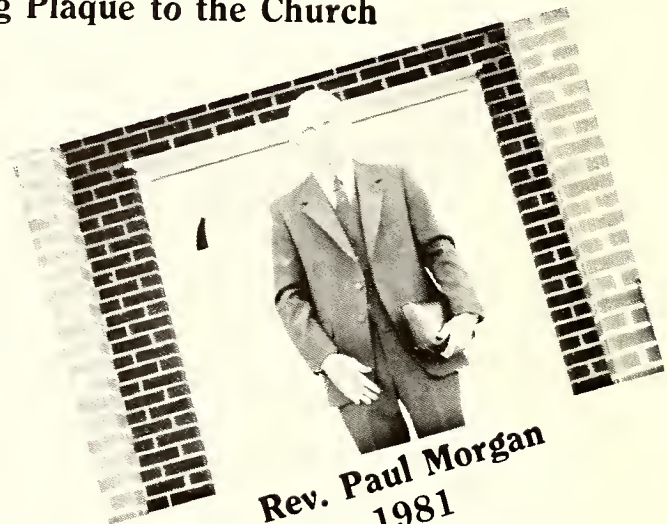


**Pastor's Appreciation Day — 1983
Gene Cassada Presenting Plaque to the Church**

A C T I V I T I E S



**Rev. Earl Dendy, Rev. David
Williams August 15, 1982**



**Rev. Paul Morgan
1981**

FELLOWSHIP



**Fellowship Hall
Under Construction — 1983**



**Completed
Fellowship Hall**



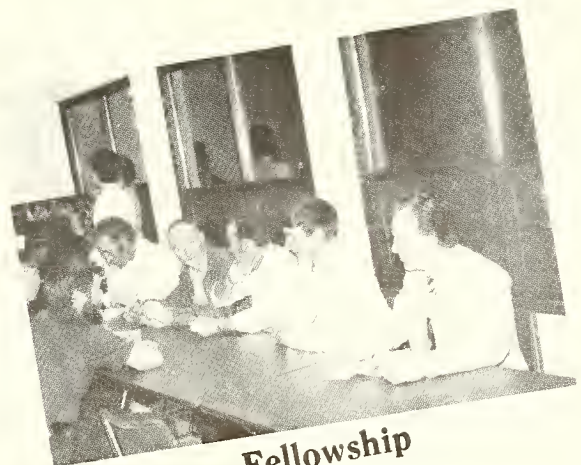
**First Christmas
In Fellowship Hall — 1983**



**Fellowship
Hall**



Fellowship



Fellowship

TEACHINGS



Nursery Class



Beginner Class



Primary Class



Youth Group — 1982



Young Adult Class

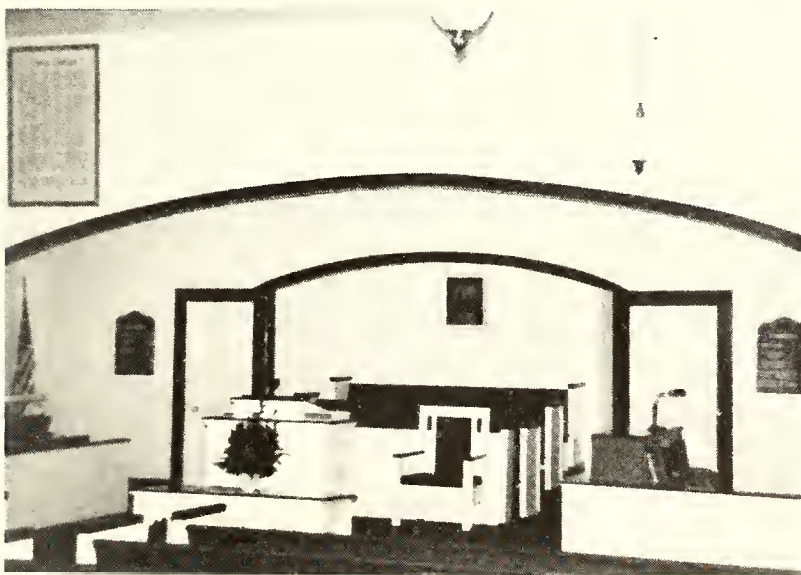


**Frances Bishop
Teacher, Young Adult Class**

OUR CHURCH



———Inside Church House between 1926 - 1957———



Early
1970

NOTICE

Upon establishing a Perpetual Care Cemetary Fund the following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Deacons, Trustees, and Membership of the Watauga Baptist Church on May 24, 1978.

I. To receive voluntary contributions from individual members. Members of the Watauga Baptist Church (husband, wife, and unmarried children living at home) are entitled to free burial in the cemetery.

II. To allow for burial of non-members at a fee of \$400.00 per grave opening or \$700.00 for a double stone. All monies to be collected before grave is opened.

III. The Trustees and Deacon Board are authorized to make allowances for hardship cases. The Church will abide by these decisions.

IV. Burial will not be permitted closer to the church than the north east corner of the parking lot to a line running parallel with existing cemetery to state road on east side.

V. Verlin Curtis elected secretary and treasurer to receive, collect, invest, and pay cemetery expenses as set forth in the Watauga Baptist Church Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust — Dated August 23, 1978.



Watauga Cemetary — 1985

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE TRUST

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

THIS TRUST AGREEMENT, Made and entered into this the
23rd day of August, 1978, by and between the undersigned Trustees
and Deacons of the Watauga Baptist Church,

WITNESSETH:

THAT WHEREAS, the undersigned are the presently
appointed, elected and acting Trustees and Deacons of the Watauga
Baptist Church in Macon County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, said church is the owner of a certain tract or
parcel of land upon which is located a church cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the members of said church and the other members
of the community have heretofore been, and will continue from time
to time hereafter to be buried in said cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in the best interests of said church, and the
community in which said cemetery is located, and in respect of the
dead, said cemetery grounds should be kept in a clean, mowed and
presentable condition; and

WHEREAS, life is uncertain, and some permanent provisions
for the maintenance and care of said cemetery is desirable and
in the best interests of all concerned; and

WHEREAS, at a duly called conference of said church, the
adoption of this agreement to facilitate the care and maintenance
of said cemetery was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises,
the undersigned do hereby establish for the purposes aforesaid
this Trust for the perpetual care of the Watauga Baptist Church
Cemetery, and do for themselves, their successors and assigns,
contract and agree as follows:

1. This Trust shall be known as Watauga Baptist Church
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust.
2. There shall be a Board of Trustees, which will consist
of all of the Trustees and Deacons on the Watauga Baptist Church

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Vacancies occurring by death, incapacity or resignation shall be filled as the office of Trustee or Deacon is filled. All action by the Trustees shall be by majority vote.

3. Said Trustees shall be and they are hereby authorized to accept donations, gifts, or bequests, either of cash, securities or other properties, and shall retain and use the same upon the Trust herein established.

4. The Trustees shall retain the principal amount of all properties received by them and shall invest the same from time to time in savings or banking institutions located within Macon County, North Carolina, or such other investments as shall be authorized under the laws of the State of North Carolina for investment by Trustees; provided, however, any investment within a savings or banking institution in Macon County shall be deemed prudent, and shall conclusively be deemed a proper investment under the terms hereof.

5. Said Trustees shall use the income from such investments, or so much thereof as they shall deem necessary, to provide:

A. For the mowing, clipping, fertilizing and seeding of the cemetery grounds.

B. For semi-permanent improvements such as water, roads, etc.

C. For landscaping, architectural improvements and permanent objects for beautification purposes primarily.

6. The Trustees are hereby authorized to expend all of the income earned from such investments, or to accumulate the same, or any portion thereof, not deemed necessary for the annual maintenance of said cemetery, and to invest the same, or re-invest the same upon the same terms as hereinabove set forth. Said Trustees shall at any time be authorized to expend all sums so retained and re-invested for any of the purposes hereinabove enumerated.

7. The Trustees are hereby relieved from making any

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accounting with the Clerk of Superior Court of Macon County, the State of North Carolina, or any other governing body, save and except the Watauga Baptist Church, to which church an annual report shall be made.

8. The said Trustees shall designate one of their members as Secretary-Treasurer, who shall keep an accurate record of accounts for all funds invested, the name of the donor thereof, the investment thereof, together with all income therefrom and all expenditures of income. The records of accounts maintained by said Trustees shall be open for inspection at any reasonable time upon request by any church member or donor.

9. The use of funds by said Trustees shall not be restricted to the existing cemetery property, but may include any properties subsequently acquired by the Church for cemetery purposes.

10. No funds initially received or thereafter earned pursuant to the terms hereof shall enure to the benefit of any Trustee; provided, however, for any labor performed or materials supplied for the purposes hereinabove set forth any Trustee may receive compensation by unanimous consent of the remaining Trustees.

11. All actions by the Trustees shall be taken upon majority decision, and records of such decisions and the actions of the Board shall be maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer.

12. The duration of this trust shall be perpetual, and shall commence upon the execution hereof by all of the members of the present Board of Trustees and Deacons of the Watauga Baptist Church.

13. The Board of Trustees shall adopt such rules and regulations as they shall deem advisable for the care and maintenance of said cemetery. Said rules and regulations shall govern, among other things, those who may be buried within said cemetery, the required amount of contribution to the fund hereby established for the privilege of interment, lay-out of gravesites, landscaping

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thereof, and the terms of employment and compensation of a care-taker, if desired.

The initial rules and regulations may from time to time be altered, amended, deleted or added to, from time to time, by affirmative vote of the Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Trustees and Deacons of the Watauga Baptist Church, have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above set forth.

Ernest H. Brundage (SEAL)

Frank M. Brundage (SEAL)

Raymond L. Brundage (SEAL)

Carl D. Brundage (SEAL)

James C. Brundage (SEAL)

John L. Brundage (SEAL)

May L. Gladwell (SEAL)

Arthur S. Sargent
Max Sargent

— DEED —

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NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

THIS DEED, Made this 3 day of August, A. D., 1957, by

Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church

of Maccon County and State of North Carolina
parties of the first part to Thomas Carter and wife Alice B. Carter

of Anderson County and State of South Carolina, parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said parties of the first part in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold, end by these presents do, bargain, sell and convey unto said parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, 2 certain tract or parcel of land in _____ Township,

Nacon County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of _____
Watauga Baptist Church

and being more particularly described as follows:

(written)

BEGINNING at a railroad iron rail on bank of s-all drain, a corner of old school property; thence N 1° 00' W. 226 feet, a stake in center of church road. Witnessed by an iron pin on North bank of road; thence along and with the center line of said road S 45° W 392 feet, a point with witnesses in center line of road set an iron pin on bank as witnesses; thence S 42° E 110 feet, a stone with witnesses. The N. W. Cor. of school property; thence S 88° E 200 feet, a stake at road - set an iron pin; thence N 60° 30' E 139 feet to the place of the BEGINNING, containing two (2) acres, be the same more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract, or parcel, of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise thereunto appertaining, unto the said party, parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof, in fee simple, forever.

And the said party, parties of the first part covenant, with said party, parties of the second part heirs and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee, and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all liens and encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

s/ J. M. Raby (SEAL)

s/ O. G. Thompson (SEAL)

s/ J. B. Brandle (SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

I, _____, of the aforesaid County and State,

hereby certify that _____

and _____ his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance. Let the same, with this certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

My Commission Expires _____

Her His Notarial Seal _____

Notary Public.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proven before me by J. M. Raby, O. G. Thompson, B. Brandle, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church

the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same with certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand and seal, this 10 day of August, 1957.

My Commission Expires _____ Kate M. Winn

Her His Notarial Seal _____ Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

The foregoing certificate of _____ of Macon County, State of North Carolina, attested by his/her seal, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Clerk of Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 16 day of August, 1957 at 10:30 o'clock A. M., and registered and verified in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, State of North Carolina, in Deed Book N-6 Page 205.

Register of Deeds of Macon County, State of North Carolina.

— DEED —

THIS DEED, Made this the 16th day of August, 1948, by Callie Morgan, widow; Charles Morgan, Jud Morgan and wife Mary Morgan, Claude Morgan and wife Minnie Morgan, Davis Morgan and wife Mattie Morgan, Marion Morgan and wife Clare Morgan, George Morgan and wife Audie Morgan, Etta Morgan, widow; Delia May Morgan, Roy Morgan, Dewey Morgan and Bill Morgan, of Macon County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, to J. M. Raby, J. B. Brendle and Oscar Thompson, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church, parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH:

That the said parties of the first part in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto said parties of the second part and their successors, and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Millshoal Township, Macon County, North Carolina, described as follows:

Being a parcel of land carved from the _____ acre tract described in the deed from D. A. Shuler and wife to Joseph W. Morgan, recorded in Book KK, at page 67, records of Macon County, North Carolina, situated in Millshoal Township, Macon County, N. C., more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a stake, the N. W. corner of the one acre tract described in the deed from J. W. Morgan and wife to the Trustees of the Watauga Baptist Church, dated March 21, 1925, and recorded in Book K-4 at page 460; thence with four (4) lines of the said _____ acre tract, S 32½ W 8 poles and 14 links to a black oak on top of ridge; S 3 deg. W 4 poles to a black oak; S 66 deg. E 9 ¾ poles to a red oak near the road; then N 78½ E 7½ poles to a white oak on the bank of the road in Wiley Sanders' line; thence S 10 deg. E with the school house property 9½ poles to a stake in Ellen Kerr's line; thence N 88 W with Ellen Kerr's line 24½ poles to a stake in the Nantahala Power and Light Company's power line; thence North 4 deg. West, with the Power line 18 poles to a power pole on top of the ridge; thence N 28 deg. E 10½ poles to a sourwood and poplar in the Madison Sanders line; thence with same S 65 deg. 30' E 9½ poles to the place of the BEGINNING, containing 2½ acres be the same, more or less.

It is provided that the grantors in this deed are reserving from its operation the perpetual and unrestricted right for purposes of ingress and egress to adjoining lands to the proposed road which is to traverse the top of the ridge which runs through the property herein conveyed in a general East and West direction.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining, unto the said parties of the second part and their successors and assigns in fee simple forever.

And the said parties of the first part covenant with said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee, and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all liens and encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Callie Morgan	(SEAL)
Claude Morgan	(SEAL)
Minnie Morgan	(SEAL)
Delia May Morgan	(SEAL)
Jud Morgan	(SEAL)
Mary Morgan	(SEAL)
Dewey Morgan	(SEAL)
Roy Morgan	(SEAL)
Etta Morgan	(SEAL)
Bill Morgan	(SEAL)
Marion T. Morgan	(SEAL)
Clare Morgan	(SEAL)

— DEED —

THIS DEED, Made this the 7th day of January, 1952, by and between J.M. RABY, J.B. BRENDLE and OSCAR THOMPSON, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church, of Macon County, North Carolina, parties of the first part, to THOMAS CARTER, of Macon County, North Carolina, party of the second part,

W I T N E S S E T H:

THAT WHEREAS, at a conference called for the purpose, the members of the Watauga Baptist Church decided to sell the hereinafter described property and entered an order authorizing and directing the above named trustees to execute a deed to Thomas Carter for the land hereinafter described upon receipt of the purchase price of FIVE HUNDRED FIVE (\$505.00) DOLLARS; and

WHEREAS, the said Thomas Carter has paid the purchase price above mentioned:

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises, the parties of the first part do hereby bargain, sell and convey unto the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, the following described tract of land in Mill Shoal Township, Macon County, North Carolina, to-wit:

BEGINNING at an iron stake, the Southeast corner of land purchased from Wiley Sanders by the Watauga Church, on the West bank of Watauga Church Road; runs South with said road approximately 14 poles to Ellen Kerr's line; then East with said line approximately 6 poles to a white oak on North bank of Watauga Creek Road, the Ed Kerr-Jason Ingram corner; then North 25 West approximately 16 poles to the BEGINNING, containing one-half (1/2) acres, more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid land together with all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof, in fee simple forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

J.M. Raby (SEAL)

J.B. Brendle (SEAL)

O.G. Thompson (SEAL)

Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

Personally appeared before me this day J.M. RABY, J.B. BRENDLE and O.G. THOMPSON, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church, who acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand, this 9 day of January, 1952.

Edith C. Byrd,
Ass't. Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 15 day of September 1954, at 11:50 o'clock A.M. and registered and verified in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. E-6, Page 399. This 17 day of September, 1954.

[Signature]
Register of Deeds for
Macon County, N.C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF PICKENS

J.D. BEACHAM, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is 43 years of age and is a citizen and resident of Easley, South Carolina; that he is the son of the late J.D. Beacham, and Emma W. Beacham; that his father, the late J.D. Beacham, was the grantee in the deed from Clyde J. Rogers, and A.D. Rogers and wife, Martha Rogers, to J.D. Beacham, of the land hereinafter described.

— DEED —

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Macon COUNTY.

This Deed, Made this, the 7th day of April, 1951, by Wiley Sanders (Widower)

of Macon County and State of N. C. of the first part, to J.B. Brundee J.M. Rabys Oscar Thompson, Trustees of Watunga of Macon County and State of N. C. of the second part:

Witnesseth, That the said Wiley Sanders in consideration of 101⁰⁰ ten Dollars and other Considerations

the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents does bargain, sell and convey unto said Parties of the Second Part

and their heirs and assigns, ~~to~~ certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, State of N. C. adjoining lands of Edlen Kern The Watunga School Land and others, being more particularly described as follows:

Begin on a Red oak S.E. Corner of Cemetery lot. The N.E. Corner of the J.W. Morgan lands. Run S 11 E With standard old line 9 1/2 Poles to a Stake on N Bank of Road. Originally, a white oak Corner of Watunga School Property. S 86 E With School Property line 15 Poles to a Stake on West Side of Road. Corner of Edlen Kern Jason Ingram land. N 30 W 34 Poles to a Small Saur Wood on top of the Ridge S 84 W 3 3/4 Poles to a Stake on East Side of old ~~lot~~ trail. S 39 W 6 Poles + 2 inches to a Stake N 63 W 1 1/2 Poles to a Stake N.E. Corner of Cemetery lot. S 21 W 21 Poles to the Beginning containing 2 acres more or less.

Said Party of the first Part hereby Deeds to Parties of the Second Part their successors or assigns a Road with Right of Way 12 ft wide on straight Runs and 14 ft in Curves or turns. Said Road leaving the Public Road approx 150 ft S of Wiley Sanders house. Near his hog lot, following an old Road S. to the N Boundary line of the Cemetery lands. Said Road to be kept open at all times for ingress and egress to and from the Cemetery.

To Have and To Hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise thereunto appertaining, unto the said Parties of the Second Part and their heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof, in fee simple forever.

And the said Party of the first Part covenant with said Parties of the Second Part their heirs and assigns, that he is seized of said premises in fee, and has the right to convey the same in fee

simple; that the same are free and clear from all liens and encumbrances, and that he will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, the said Party of the first Part has hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year first above written.

Wiley Sanders (Seal)

Attest: _____ (Seal)

_____ (Seal)

_____ (Seal)

— DEED —

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Macon COUNTY.
The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by Wiley Sanders
....., the grantor..... for the purpose therein expressed. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.
WITNESS my hand and..... seal, this 12 day of April, 19 51
Kate M. Lee
Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY.
The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by
....., the grantor..... for the purpose therein expressed. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.
WITNESS my hand and..... seal, this day of, 19

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY.
The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proven before me by oath and examination of.....
....., the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same, with certificate, be registered.
WITNESS my hand and..... seal, this day of, 19

WARRANTY DEED

Wiley Sanders

TO

Watauga Baptist Ch
Trustees

Filed for registration on the 13 day of
September, 19 51, at 3:45
o'clock P.M., and registered and verified in the
office of the Register of Deeds for Macon
County, State of North Carolina, in Deed Book
No. 7-5, Page 552
this 14 day of September, 19 51
Lake View Shaper
Register of Deeds for Macon County,
State of North Carolina

THE FRANKLIN PRESS

— DEED —

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MACON COUNTY

This deed made this sixteenth day of June 1821 by Stacy L. Kinsland, of Macon County and State of North Carolina of the first part, to C. D. Grunks, T. S. Saunders, & C. L. Rickman, the Trustees of Mtanga Baptist church, and their successors, of Macon County and State of North Carolina, of the second part, Witnesseth: That said party of the first part for and in consideration of five dollars, to her paid by said Trustees, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained and sold, and by these presents doth bargain sell and convey to said Trustees of Mtanga Baptist church and successors

a certain tract or parcel of land in the County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Schooc Dist. No 7, it being a part Sect. No 55, and others, bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a double post oak bush, 2 1/2 East of the School house branch thence North to stake in the school house line, thence West in the school house line 15 poles to a stake in the line; thence South to the State road; thence East with the State road to the beginning. Containing one half acre of land more or less.

It have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said trustees of Mtanga Baptist Church & their successors and assigns to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said party of the first part covenants that she is seized of said premises in fee and hath right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that she will warrant and defend the said premises to the same, against the claims of all

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sons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof, the said party of the first part hath hereunto set her hand and seal the day and year above written.

Attest:

John Blum.

Stacy L. Kinsland ~~and~~

State of North Carolina }

Macon County }

I Saml L. Rogers, clerk of the Superior Court do hereby certify that the execution of the above deed was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of John Blum the subscribing witness thereto. Therefore let no claim be set up without this certificate be required.

Witness my hand this 30th day of June 1858.

Saml L. Rogers
Clerk Superior Court

The foregoing deed was filed for registration June 30th 1858, and duly registered on this 12th day of July 1858.

— DEED —

State of North Carolina, Macon County.

THIS DEED, Made this 27 day of February 1906, by Madison Sanders of Macon County, and State of North Carolina first part, to C. S. Hickman, T. N. Smith, J. F. Young and J. B. Brundley Trustees of the Wantugas Baptist Church of the second part.
 WITNESSETH That the said Madison Sanders and Dacie Sanders do hereby acknowledge, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to said C. S. Hickman, T. N. Smith, J. F. Young and J. B. Brundley Trustees of the Wantugas Baptist Church a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina being the lands of J. W. Morgan as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a red oak on a mica spring, Run 1.21 E. 21 poles to a stake; Then N. 66 W. 5 1/2 poles to a stake; Then S. 29 1/2 W. 21 poles to a stake; Then S 66 E. 4 poles and 7 links to the beginning, Containing 1/2 Acre, More or less

DO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said C. S. Hickman, T. N. Smith, J. F. Young and J. B. Brundley Trustees of the Wantugas Baptist Church and their heirs, assigns and assigns forever.
 And the said Madison Sanders and Dacie Sanders covenant and warrant that they are the parties of the second part, their successors and assigns that they are the said premises in fee, and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that they warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Madison Sanders and Dacie Sanders hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Madison Sanders (SEAL)
Dacie Sanders (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

D. J. Pinman hereby certify that Madison Sanders and Dacie Sanders his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the above deed of conveyance, and the said Dacie Sanders being by me privily examined, apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto.
 WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 27 day of February 1906

D. J. Pinman, Jr.
 Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by the grantor for the purpose therein expressed.
 Let the same, with the certificate, be registered. This 22 day of April 1906

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of D. J. Pinman of Macon County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.
 WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 22 day of April 1906

W. G. Mallam
 Deputy Clerk Superior Court

Filed for registration on the 22 day of April 1906 at 9 o'clock P. M. and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 22 day of April 1906 at 3 o'clock P. M. in Book 1211 Page 1137

— DEED —

State of North Carolina, Macon County.

THIS DEED, Made this the 27 day of February 1925, by J. W. Morgan and Callie Morgan of Macon County, and State of North Carolina, the first part, to E. B. Rickman, F. M. Snider, J. T. Young and A. H. Bredde Trustees of Waukega Baptist Church of the second part, Macon County, and State of North Carolina.

WITNESSETH, That the said J. W. Morgan and Callie Morgan in consideration of one dollar the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do sell, bargain, sell and convey to said E. B. Rickman, F. M. Snider, J. T. Young and A. H. Bredde a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina to wit:

Beginning at a Red oak in a mixed stump, run N. 66 W. 4 poles and 7 links to a stake; then S. 21 W. 4 poles and 10 links to a hickory bush; then S. 67 E. 3 poles and 11 links to a pine; then N. 31 E. 4 1/2 poles to the beginning.

TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said E. B. Rickman, F. M. Snider, J. T. Young and A. H. Bredde Trustees of Waukega Baptist Church and their successors, heirs, assigns and lawful representatives.

And the said J. W. Morgan and Callie Morgan covenant, warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said J. W. Morgan and Callie Morgan hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year above written.

J. W. Morgan (SEAL)
Callie Morgan (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

I, S. J. Anniano hereby certify that J. W. Morgan and Callie Morgan his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the deed of conveyance; and the said Callie Morgan being by me privily examined, separate and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, did state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 27 day of February 1925.

S. J. Anniano, Jr.
Clerk Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by Callie Morgan for the purpose therein expressed.

Let the same, with the certificate, be registered.

This 22 day of April 1925.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of S. J. Anniano, Jr. of Macon County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 22 day of April 1925.

W. B. Mallouee
Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 22 day of April 1925 at 9 o'clock P.M., and

recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 22 day of April 1925, at 10 o'clock

A M., in Book K-4 of Deeds, on page 435.

W. B. Mallouee
Register of Deeds.

— DEED —

State of North Carolina, Macon County.

THIS DEED, Made this the 16th day of May 1909, by Math Sanders & wife Ida and Rebecca Reid of Macon County, and State of North Carolina of the first part, to T. M. Snyder, R. S. Rundle & T. H. Young & E. B. Rickman, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church of Macon County, and State of North Carolina of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said Math Sanders & wife, & Willy Sanders & wife in consideration of \$1.00 And the interest they have in Christianity, hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to said Parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of Math Sanders, Willy Sanders and others, bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake where the trail comes in to the
Brumfield run N. 34 W. 6 P. 5 Bear Run thence N. 8 1/2 W. 2 P. 1
& 14 links to a stake, thence S. 85 E. 6 poles & 9 links to a Chingupin
Corner of Grove yard property, thence S 63 E. 6 poles & 12 links to a
stake in old road, thence N. 39 E. 6 poles & 2 links to a stake
thence N. 5 poles & 7 links to beginning continuing on
here, more or less

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said Parties of the first part, Heirs and Successors and to their heirs only use and behoof forever.

And the said Parties of the first part, Successors & heirs with said Parties of the second part, Successors & heirs have and assigns, that seized of and promises in fee, and do hereby warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said Math Sanders & wife & Willy Sanders & wife have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Math Sanders (Seal)
Ida Sanders (Seal)
Rebecca Reid (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

I, S. J. Pimmans hereby certify that Math Sanders & Ida Sanders his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of conveyance, and the said S. R. Rundle being by me privily examined, and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of any other person, and that she does so voluntarily.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 22 day of April 1909.

S. J. Pimmans (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of S. J. Pimmans, J.P. of Macon County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 22 day of April 1909.

W. C. Mallance (Seal)
Clerk Superior Court

Filed for registration on the 22 day of April 1909 at 9 o'clock PM.

registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 22 day of April 1909 at 5 o'clock PM.

Book 14 of Deeds on page 438

— DEED —

State of North Carolina, Macon County.

THIS DEED, Made this the 21st day of March 1925, by J. W. Morgan and wife Cecile Morgan of Macon County, and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to John Henry Riddle & Frank Bailey Trustees of the United Baptist Church of Macon County, and State of North Carolina, of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said Parties of the first part in consideration of ten dollars & the good and valuable consideration hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to said Parties of the second part, and their heirs, and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Wiley Sanders and J. W. Morgan and others, bounded as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a Black Oak Corner of the Grace yard lot and runs N 65 1/2° W 110 feet to a Stake and marked then S 32 1/2° W 8 Poles & 14 links to a Black Oak on the top of the Ridge, then S 3° W 4 Poles to a Black Oak then S 66° E 9 1/2 Poles to a Red Oak near the road then N 78 1/2° E 7 1/2 Poles to a white Oak on the bank of the stream in Wiley Sanders line then with said line N 12° W 9 1/2 Poles to the Beginning.

The Conditions of the foregoing deed are such that if the said Property should cease to be used for a Church or a Place of worship then the Property reserves right to said J. W. Morgan his heirs and assigns, but otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said John Henry Riddle & Frank Bailey Trustees in and for the use and behoof of the said United Baptist Church and the said J. W. Morgan and wife Cecile Morgan with said John Henry Riddle & Frank Bailey and their heirs and assigns, that seized of said premises in fee, and in right to convey the same in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said J. W. Morgan & wife Cecile Morgan have hereunto set their hand and seal, the day and year above written.

J. W. Morgan
Cecile Morgan

Attest:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

I, J. M. Raby J. P. hereby certify that J. W. Morgan and his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of conveyance, and the said Cecile Morgan being by me privily examined, and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, both state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 25th day of May 1925.

J. M. Raby
Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of J. M. Raby J. P. of Macon County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 25th day of May 1925.

Frank I. Murray
Clerk

Filed for registration on the 25th day of May 1925.

registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 26th day of May 1925.

A. M., in Book 1-4 of Deeds, on page 460, &c.

— DEED —

NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

THIS DEED, Made this the 1st day of October, 1951, by and between Macon County Board of Education, party of the first part, to J. M. Raby, J. B. Brendle, and Oscar Thompson, Trustees of Watauga Baptist Church, their successors in office and their assigns, parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, THAT WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Macon County has found it no longer necessary to use the property hereinafter described for school purposes; and whereas, by Chapter 165, Session Laws of 1951, the said Board of Education was authorized to sell to religious groups or municipal corporations of Macon County property no longer necessary for school purposes; and whereas, the Board of Education has agreed to accept the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for the land hereinafter described, and the Board of County Commissioners of Macon County have entered an order in which they find that said amount is an adequate consideration for such property;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the premises and the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars to it in hand paid, the party of the first part does by these presents bargain, sell, and convey unto the parties of this second part, their successors in office and assigns, the following described land in Millshoal Township, Macon County, North Carolina, to wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land lying on Watauga Creek, BEGINNING at a branch where said Brindle's line crosses near the state road on Wm. Kinsland's line, it being the first branch above Pendleton Saunders house, running across the state road on the northwest side and runs East 6 poles to a white oak; thence N 25 W 16 poles to a stake, near the old Brindle school house; thence West 20 poles to a stake; thence South 16 poles to a stake in Kinsland's line; thence East to the BEGINNING. Containing one and 1/2 acres, more or less. This is all the land described in a deed from Joseph Brindle and wife to Logan Berry, et al, dated August 8, 1872, and recorded in the Office of this Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., in Deed Book M, Page 496.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid land together with all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the parties of the second part, their successors in office and assigns, to their only use and behoof, in fee simple forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the party of the first part has caused these presents to be signed in its name by its Chairman and attested by its Secretary and its Corporate seal to be affixed the day and year first above written.

ATTEST: Holland McSwain
Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA
MACON COUNTY

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BY: Bob S. Sloan, Chairman

Personally appeared before me this day Bob S. Sloan, Chairman of Macon County Board of Education, and Holland McSwain, Secretary of Macon County Board of Education, who acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing deed of conveyance for the purposes therein expressed. Let the same with this certificate be registered.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 3 day of October, 1951.

Kate McGee
Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, N.C.

Filed for registration on the 3 day of Oct., 1951, at 3:00 o'clock P. M., and registered and verified in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County in Book No. A-6, Page 250, this 8 day of Oct., 1951.

Lake V. Shope
Register of Deeds for
Macon County, North Carolina

— DEED —

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County

THIS DEED, Made this, the 24th day of April, 1951, by Wiley Sanders, Widower, of Macon County, and State of North Carolina

of the first part, to J. R. Brandle, J. M. Baby & Oscar Thompson, trustees of Watauga Baptist Church of Macon County, and State of North Carolina of the second part.

WITNESSETH, That the said Wiley Sanders in consideration of \$10.00 Ten Dollars and other Considerations the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents do sell bargain, sell and convey to said parties of the second part and their heirs, and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of Ellen Kerr, the Watauga school land and others, bounded as follows, to wit:

Beg. on a Red oak S.E. Corner of Cemetery lot the N.E. corner of the J.W. Morgan lands. Runs S. 11 E. with Sanders old line 9 1/2 poles to a Stake on N. bank of road, originally a white oak, corner of Watauga School property. S. 86 E. with School property line 15 poles to a stake on West side of Road corner of Edd Kerr Jason Ingram land N. 30 W 34 poles to a small sour wood on top of the ridge S 84 W 3 3/4 poles to a stake on East side of old trail S. 39 W 6 poles and 2 links to a stake N 63 W 1 1/2 poles to a stake N.E. corner of cemetery lot. S 21 W 21 poles to the Beginning containing 2 acres more or less.

Said party of the first part hereby deeds to party of the second part and their successors a Right-of-way Road with Right-of-way 12 ft. wide on Straight Runs and 14 ft. in curves or turns. Said road leaving the public Road approximately 150 ft. S of Wiley Sanders house, near his nor lot, following an old road S to the N boundary line of the cemetery lands said road to be kept open at all times for egression and egression to and from the Cemetery.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said parties of the first part covenant with said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns, that he is seized of said premises in fee, and has right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that he will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Wiley Sanders (SEAL)

Attest:

(SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County.

I, _____, of the aforesaid County and State, hereby certify that and _____, his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of conveyance. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand and notarial seal, this _____ day of _____, 19____.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

My commission expires _____

Macon County, _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by Wiley Sanders the grantor for the purpose therein expressed. Let the same with the certificate, be registered. WITNES my hand and seal.

This 12 day of April, 1951.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

My commission expires _____

Kate McGee
Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of _____, the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

This _____ day of _____, 19____.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

My commission expires _____

Filed for registration on the 13 day of September, 1951, at 3:45 o'clock P. M., and registered and verified in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 14 day of September, 1951, at 8:30 o'clock A. M., in Book 7-5 of Deeds, on page 552

Register of Deeds

— DEED —

State of North Carolina, Macon County.

THIS DEED, Made this the 17th day of March 1925, R.D. Brendle
John B. Henry and Frank Bailey of Macon County, and State of North Carolina
 of the first part, to Thomas Carter
 of Macon County, and State of North Carolina of the second part.
 WITNESSETH, That the said Parties of the first part
 in consideration of Three Hundred Dollars
 hereby acknowledged, ha ve bargained and sold, and by these presents do Thomas Carter receive receipt of which is
 and is heirs, and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, and State of North Carolina
 adjoining the lands of Mrs. Ed. Curr. Public School Property Dist #2
 and others, bounded as follows, to-wit:

On the waters of Watauga Creek. Beginning on a double post Oak Bush
2 Poles E. of School House Branch thence North to a stake in School
House line then West with School line 15 Poles to a paupers or State
in said line then S. to the State Road then E. with State Road to the
Beginning
Containing 1/2 acre more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said
Thomas Carter and his heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.
 And the said R.D. Brendle J.B. Henry and Frank Bailey covenants
 with said Thomas Carter his heirs and assigns, that they are
 seized of said premises in fee, and ha ve right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that they
 will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever except Parties of the first part
except Right to use of Spring for School purposes.
 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said R.D. Brendle John B. Henry and Frank Bailey
do hereunto set their hands and seal S, the day and year above written.
R.D. Brendle (SEAL)
J.B. Henry (SEAL)
Frank Bailey (SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

I, _____ hereby certify that _____ and
_____ his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the
_____ being by me privily examined, _____ separate
 unrevoked deed of conveyance, and the said _____
 and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said
 husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.
 WITNESS my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____ 1925

Clerk.

Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by R.D. Brendle J.B. Henry and Frank Bailey
_____ grantor S for the purpose therein expressed.
 Let the same, with the certificate, be registered. This 17th day of March 1925
J.M. Raby Justice of the Peace

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
 Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of J.M. Raby J.P. of Macon
 County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.
 WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 16 day of April 1925

Frank I Murray
 Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 10 day of April

1925 at 4 o'clock P M. and

registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 16

day of April 1925, at 12 o'clock

M. in Book K-4 of Deeds, on page 431, &c.

Robert J. Vicks
 Register of Deeds

— DEED —

NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

THIS DEED, Made this 3 day of August, A. D., 19 57, by

THOMAS CARTER and wife ALICE B. CARTER

of Anderson

County and State of South Carolina

parties of the first part, to

TRUSTEES OF WATAUGA BAPTIST CHURCH

of macon County and State of North Carolina

parties of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said parties of the first part in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged here bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto said parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in macon Township, macon County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of

Watauga Baptist Church

(written)

and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING At a point in center of Church road witnessed by an iron pipe on N bank of road, thence N 2' 00" W 288 feet, a RRRail on top of spur ridge, thence N 59' E 300 feet. Set Stone on top of ridge, thence S 1' E 237 feet. Set Stone in edge of old field. thence S 33W 263 feet, set stone on N bank of Church road, S 74' W 106 feet to the place of the BEGINNING containing two one-half (2 1/2) ac. be the same more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in any wise thereunto appertaining, unto the said ~~parties~~ parties of the second part and their heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof, in fee simple, forever.

And the said party, parties of the first part covenant with said party, parties of the second part heirs and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee, and have the right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all liens and encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

s/ Thomas Carter (SEAL)

s/ Alice B. Carter (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

I, _____, of the aforesaid County and State,

hereby certify that _____

and _____ his wife, appeared before me this day, and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance. Let the same, with this certificate be registered.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

My Commission Expires _____

Her/His Notarial Seal _____

Notary Public.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proved before me by Thomas Carter and wife, Alice B. Carter

the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same with certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand and _____ seal, this 7 day of August, 19 57

My Commission Expires _____

Her/His Notarial Seal _____

Kate M. Wrinn

Clerk Superior Court

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—MACON COUNTY.

The foregoing certificate of _____ of Macon County, State of North Carolina, attested by his/her seal, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with this certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this _____ day of _____, 19 _____.

Clerk of Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 10 day of August, 19 57 at 10:30 clock A.M., and registered and verified in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, State of North Carolina, in Deed Book N-6, Page 206

John T. Moore
Register of Deeds of Macon County, State of North Carolina.

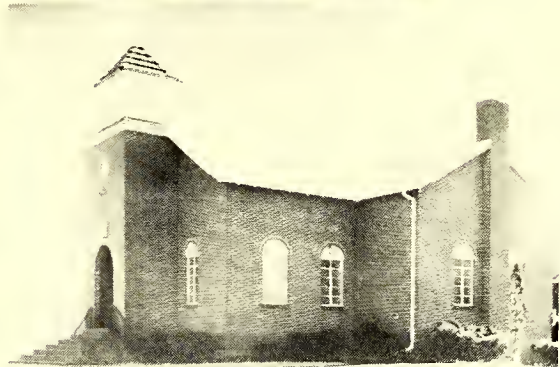
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